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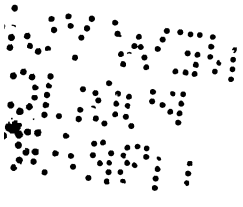
"By the Bishops, the Clergy, and the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in Convention, this twenty-ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two; this book of Psalms in Metre, selected from the Psalms of David, with Hymns, is set forth, and allowed to be sung in all congregations of the said Church, before and after Morning and Evening Prayer, and also before and after Sermons, at the discretion of the minister.

"And it shall be the duty of every minister of any church, either by standing directions, or from time to time, to appoint the portions of Psalms which are to be sung."

"And further, it shall be the duty of every minister, with such assistance as he can obtain from persons skilled in music, to give order concerning the tunes to be sung at any time in his Church; and especially, it shall be his duty to suppress all light and unseemly music, and all indecency and irreverence in the performance, by which vain and ungodly persons profane the service of the Sanctuary."



PSALMS IN METRE,

SELECTED

FROM THE PSALMS OF DAVID.

PSALM 1. C. M.

From the i. Psalm of David.

1 HOW blest is he, who ne'er consents
By ill advice to walk,
Nor stands in sinners' ways, nor sits
Where men profanely talk;

2 But makes the perfect law of God
His business and delight;
Devoutly reads therein by day,
And meditates by night.

3 Like some fair tree, which, fed by streams,
With timely fruit does bend,
He still shall flourish, and success
All his designs attend.

4 Ungodly men, and their attempts,
No lasting root shall find;
Untimely blasted and dispersed
Like chaff before the wind.

5 Their guilt shall strike the wicked dumb
Before their Judge's face:
No formal hypocrite shall then
Among the saints have place.

6 For God approves the just man's ways;
To happiness they tend:
But sinners, and the paths they tread,
Shall both in ruin end.

PSALM 2. C. M.

From the ii. Psalm of David.

1 THUS God declares his sovereign will:
"The King that I ordain,
Whose throne is fix'd on Sion's hill,
Shall there securely reign."

4 Let those, O LORD, who trust in thee,
With shouts their joy proclaim:
Let them rejoice whom thou preserv'st,
And all that love thy name.

5 To righteous men, the righteous LORD
His blessing will extend;
And with his favor all his saints,
As with a shield, defend.

PSALM 6. S. M.

From the vi. Psalm of David.

1 IN mercy, not in wrath,
Rebuke me, gracious GOD!
Lest, if thy whole displeasure rise,
I sink beneath thy rod.

2 Touch'd by thy quick'ning power,
My load of guilt I feel:
The wounds thy Spirit hath unclosed,
O let that Spirit heal.

3 In trouble and in gloom,
Must I for ever mourn?
And wilt thou not, at length, O GOD,
In pitying love return?

4 O come, ere life expire,
Send down thy power to save;
For who shall sing thy name in death,
Or praise thee in the grave?

5 Why should I doubt thy grace,
Or yield to dread despair?
Thou wilt fulfil thy promised word,
And grant me all my prayer.

PSALM 7. C. M.

From the viii. Psalm of David.

1 O THOU, to whom all creatures bow
Within this earthly frame,
Through all the world how great art thou!
How glorious is thy name!

2 In heaven thy wondrous acts are sung,
Nor fully reckon'd there;
And yet thou mak'st the infant tongue
Thy boundless praise declare.

3 When heaven, thy beauteous work on high,
Employs my wond'ring sight;
The moon, that nightly rules the sky,
With stars of feebler light;—

4 Oh, what is man, that, LORD, thou lov'st
To keep him in thy mind?
Or what his offspring, that thou prov'st
To them so wondrous kind?

5 Him next in power thou didst create
To thy celestial train;
Ordain'd with dignity and state,
O'er all thy works to reign.

6 They jointly own his powerful sway;
The beasts that prey or graze;
The bird that wings its airy way;
The fish that cuts the seas.

7 O Thou, to whom all creatures bow
Within this earthly frame,
Through all the world how great art thou!
How glorious is thy name!

PSALM 8. C. M.

From the ix. Psalm of David.

1 TO celebrate thy praise, O LORD,
I will my heart prepare;
To all the list'ning world, thy works,
Thy wondrous works, declare.

2 The thought of them shall to my soul
Exalted pleasures bring;
Whilst to thy name, O thou Most High,
Triumphant praise I sing.

3 The LORD for ever lives, who has
His righteous throne prepared,
Impartial justice to dispense,
To punish or reward.

4 All those who have his goodness proved,
Will in his truth confide;
Whose mercy ne'er forsook the man
That on his help relied.

5 Sing praises therefore to the LORD,
From Sion, his abode;
Proclaim his deeds, till all the world
Confess no other GOD.

PSALM 9. C. M.

From the xi. Psalm of David.

1 THE LORD a holy temple hath,
And righteous throne, above;
Whence he surveys the sons of men,
And how their counsels move.

2 If GOD the righteous, whom he loves,
For trial does correct,
What must the sons of violence,
Whom he abhors, expect?

3 Snares, fire, and brimstone, on their heads
Shall in one tempest shower;
This dreadful mixture his revenge
Into their cup shall pour.

4 The righteous LORD will righteous deeds
With signal favor grace,
And to the upright man disclose
The brightness of his face.

PSALM 10. C. M.

From the xiii. Psalm of David.

1 HOW long wilt thou forget me, LORD?
Must I for ever mourn?
How long wilt thou withdraw from me,
Oh! never to return?

2 O hear, and to my longing eyes,
Restore thy wonted light,
Dawn on my spirit, lest I sleep
In death's most gloomy night.

3 Since I have always placed my trust
Beneath thy mercy's wing,
Thy saving health will come; and then
My heart with joy shall spring.

4 Then shall my song, with praise inspired,
To thee, my GOD, ascend,
Who to thy servant in distress
Such bounty didst extend.

PSALM 11. L. M.

From the xiv. Psalm of David.

1 THE LORD look'd down from heaven's high tower,
And all the sons of men did view,
To see if any own'd his power,
If any truth or justice knew;

2 But all, he saw, were gone aside,
All were degen'rate grown and base;
None took religion for their guide,
Not one of all the sinful race.

3 How will they tremble then for fear,
When his just wrath shall them o'ertake
For to the righteous GOD is near,
And never will their cause forsake.

4 O that from Sion he 'd employ
His might, and burst th' oppressive band!
Then shouts of universal joy
Should loudly echo through the land.

PSALM 12. C. M.

From the xv. Psalm of David.

1 LORD, who 's the happy man that may
To thy blest courts repair,
Not, stranger-like, to visit them,
But to inhabit there?

2 'T is he who walketh uprightly,
Whom righteousness directs;
Whose gen'rous tongue disdains to speak
The thing his heart rejects.

3 Who never did a slander forge,
His neighbor's fame to wound;
Nor hearken to a false report
By malice whisper'd round.

4 Who vice, in all its pomp and power,
Can treat with just neglect;
And piety, though clothed in rags,
Religiously respect.

5 Who to his plighted vows and trust
Has ever firmly stood;
And, though he promise to his loss,
He makes his promise good.

6 Whose soul in usury disdains
His treasure to employ;
Whom no rewards can ever bribe
The guiltless to destroy.

7 The man, who by this righteous course
Has happiness insured,
When earth's foundation shakes, shall stand,
By Providence secured.

PSALM 13. C. M.

From the xvi. Psalm of David.

1 MY grateful soul shall bless the LORD,
Whose precepts give me light;
And private counsel still afford
In sorrow's dismal night.

2 I strive each action to approve
To his all-seeing eye;
No danger shall my hopes remove,
Because he still is nigh.

3 Therefore my heart all grief defies,
My glory does rejoice;
My flesh shall rest, in hope to rise,
Waked by his powerful voice.

4 Thou, LORD, when I resign my breath,
My soul from hell shalt free;
Nor let thy Holy One in death
The least corruption see.

5 Thou shalt the paths of life display,
Which to thy presence lead;
Where pleasures dwell without allay,
And joys that never fade.

PSALM 14.

From the xviii. Psalm of David.

PART I. L. M.

1 NO change of time shall ever shock
My firm affection, LORD, to thee;
For thou hast always been my rock,
A fortress and defence to me.

2 Thou my deliverer art, my God;
My trust is in thy mighty power;
Thou art my shield from foes abroad,
At home my safeguard and my tower.

3 To thee I will address my prayer,
To whom all praise we justly owe;
So shall I, by thy watchful care,
Be guarded safe from every foe.

PART II. L. M.

1 Thou suit'st, O Lord, thy righteous ways
To various paths of human kind;
They who for mercy merit praise,
With thee shall wondrous mercy find.

2 Thou to the just shalt justice show;
The pure thy purity shall see:
Such as perversely choose to go,
Shall meet with due returns from thee.

3 That he the humble soul will save,
And crush the haughty's boasted might,
In me the Lord an instance gave,
Whose darkness he has turn'd to light.

4 Who then deserves to be adored,
But God, on whom my hopes depend?
Or who, except the mighty Lord,
Can with resistless power defend?

5 Let the eternal Lord be praised,
The rock on whose defence I rest!
To highest heavens his name be raised,
Who me with his salvation bless'd!

6 My God, to celebrate thy fame,
My grateful voice to heaven I 'll raise;
And nations, strangers to thy name,
Shall learn to sing thy glorious praise.

PSALM 15.

From the xix. Psalm of David.

PART I. C. M.

1 THE heavens declare thy glory, Lord,
Which that alone can fill;
The firmament and stars express
Their great Creator's skill.

2 The dawn of each returning day
  Fresh beams of knowledge brings;
And from the dark returns of night
  Divine instruction springs.

3 Their powerful language to no realm
  Or region is confined;
'T is nature's voice, and understood
  Alike by all mankind.

4 Their doctrine does its sacred sense
  Through earth's extent display;
Its bright contents the circling sun
  Does round the world convey.

5 From east to west, from west to east,
  His ceaseless course he goes;
And, through his progress, cheerful light
  And vital warmth bestows.

PART II. C. M.

1 God's perfect law converts the soul,
  Reclaims from false desires;
With sacred wisdom his sure word
  The ignorant inspires.

2 The statutes of the Lord are just,
  And bring sincere delight;
His pure commands in search of truth
  Assist the feeblest sight.

3 His perfect worship here is fix'd,
  On sure foundations laid;
His equal laws are in the scales
  Of truth and justice weigh'd;

4 Of more esteem than golden mines,
  Or gold refined with skill;
More sweet than honey, or the drops
  That from the comb distil.

5 My trusty counsellors they are,
  And friendly warnings give:
Divine rewards attend on those
  Who by thy precepts live.

6 But what frail man observes how oft
  He does from virtue fall?
O cleanse me from my secret faults,
  Thou God that know'st them all!

7 Let no presumptuous sin, O LORD,
Dominion have o'er me;
That, by thy grace preserved, I may
The great transgression flee.

8 So shall my prayer and praises be
With thy acceptance blest;
And I, secure on thy defence,
My strength and Saviour, rest.

PSALM 16. S. M.

From the xx. Psalm of David.

1 MAY Jacob's GOD defend
And hear us in distress;
Our succor from his temple send,
Our cause from Sion bless!

2 May he accept our vow,
Our sacrifice receive,
Our heart's devout request allow,
Our holy wishes give!

3 O LORD! thy saving grace
We joyfully declare;
Our banner in thy name we raise—
"The LORD fulfil our prayer!"

4 Now know we that the LORD
His chosen will defend;
From heaven will strength divine afford,
And will their prayer attend.

5 Some earthly succor trust,
But we in GOD's right hand:
Lo! while they fall, so vain their boast,
We rise and upright stand.

6 Still save us, LORD! and still
Thy servants deign to bless;
Hear, King of heaven, in times of ill,
The prayers that we address.

PSALM 17.

From the xxii. Psalm of David.

PART I. C. M.

1 MY GOD, my GOD, why leav'st thou me,
When I with anguish faint?
Oh! why so far from me removed,
And from my loud complaint?

2 Lo! I am treated like a worm,
  Like none of human birth;
Not only by the great reviled,
  But made the rabble's mirth.

3 With laughter all the gazing crowd
  My agonies survey;
They shoot the lip, they shake the head,
  And thus deriding say:

4 "In God he trusted, boasting oft
  That he was Heaven's delight;
Let God come down to save him now,
  And own his favorite."

5 Withdraw not, then, so far from me,
  When trouble is so nigh;
O send me help! thy help, on which
  Alone I can rely.

PART II. C. M.

1 Like water is my life pour'd out,
  My joints are out of frame;
My heart dissolves within my breast,
  Like wax before the flame:

2 My strength is like a potsherd dried,
  My tongue is parch'd with drought;
And to the dismal shades of death
  My fainting soul is brought.

3 Like dogs, to compass me, my foes
  In wicked council meet:
They pierced my inoffensive hands,
  They pierced my harmless feet.

4 My body 's rack'd, till all my bones
  Distinctly may be told;
Yet such a spectacle of wo
  As pastime they behold.

5 As spoil, my garments they divide,
  Lots for my vesture cast:—
Therefore, O leave me not, my God,
  But to my succor haste.

PART III. C. M.

1 Lord, to my brethren I 'll declare
  The triumphs of thy Name:
In presence of assembled saints
  Thy glory thus proclaim:

2 "Ye worshippers of Jacob's God,
All you of Israel's line,
O praise the Lord, and to your praise
Sincere obedience join.

3 "He ne'er disdain'd on low distress
To cast a gracious eye;
Nor turn'd from misery his face,
But hears its humble cry."

4 Thus, in thy sacred courts, will I
My cheerful thanks express;
In presence of thy saints perform
The vows of my distress.

5 The meek companions of my grief
Shall find my table spread;
And all that seek the Lord shall be
With joys immortal fed.

6 Then shall the glad converted world
To God their homage pay;
And scatter'd nations of the earth
One sovereign Lord obey.

7 'T is his supreme prerogative
O'er all mankind to reign;
'T is just that he should rule the world,
Who does the world sustain.

8 The rich, who are with plenty fed,
His bounty must confess;
The sons of want, by him relieved,
Their gen'rous patron bless.

9 With humble worship to his throne
They all for aid resort;
That power, which first their being gave,
Alone can them support.

10 Then shall a chosen spotless race,
Devoted to his Name,
To their adoring sons his truth
And glorious acts proclaim.

PSALM 18. C. M.

From the xxiii. Psalm of David.

1 THE Lord himself, the mighty Lord,
Vouchsafes to be my guide;
The shepherd, by whose constant care
My wants are all supplied.

2 In tender grass he makes me feed,
And gently there repose;
Then leads me to cool shades, and where
Refreshing water flows.

3 He does my wand'ring soul reclaim,
And, to his endless praise,
Instruct with humble zeal to walk
In his most righteous ways.

4 I pass the gloomy vale of death,
From fear and danger free;
For there his aiding rod and staff
Defend and comfort me.

5 Since God doth thus his wondrous love
Through all my life extend,
That life to him I will devote,
And in his temple spend.

PSALM 19. C. M.

From the xxiv. Psalm of David.

1 THE spacious earth is all the Lord's,
The Lord's her fulness is;
The world, and they that dwell therein,
By sovereign right are his.

2 He framed and fix'd it on the seas;
And his almighty hand
Upon inconstant floods has made
The stable fabric stand.

3 But for himself this Lord of all
One chosen seat design'd;
Oh! who shall to that sacred hill
Deserved admittance find?

4 The man whose hands and heart are pure,
Whose thoughts from pride are free;
Who honest poverty prefers
To gainful perjury.

5 This, this is he, on whom the Lord
Shall shower his blessings down;
Whom God, his Saviour, shall vouchsafe
With righteousness to crown.

6 Such is the race of saints, by whom
The sacred courts are trod;
And such the proselytes that seek
Thy face, O Jacob's God.

7 Erect your heads, eternal gates;
Unfold, to entertain
The King of glory: see! he comes
With his celestial train.

8 Who is the King of glory? who?
The Lord, for strength renown'd;
In battle mighty; o'er his foes
Eternal victor crown'd.

9 Erect your heads, ye gates; unfold
In state to entertain
The King of glory: see! he comes
With all his shining train.

10 Who is the King of glory? who?
The Lord of hosts renown'd;
Of glory he alone is King,
Who is with glory crown'd.

PSALM 20. S. M.

From the xxv. Psalm of David.

1 TO God, in whom I trust,
I lift my heart and voice;
O let me not be put to shame,
Nor let thy foes rejoice.

2 Those who on thee rely,
Let no disgrace attend;
Be that the shameful lot of such
As wilfully offend.

3 To me thy truth impart,
And lead me in thy way;
For thou art he that brings me help;
On thee I wait all day.

4 Thy mercies and thy love,
O Lord, recall to mind;
And graciously continue still,
As thou wert ever, kind.

5 Let all my youthful crimes
Be blotted out by thee;
And, for thy wondrous goodness' sake,
In mercy think on me.

6 His mercy and his truth
The righteous LORD displays,
In bringing wand'ring sinners home,
And teaching them his ways.

7 He those in justice guides
Who his direction seek;
And in his sacred paths shall lead
The humble and the meek.

8 Through all the ways of GOD
Both truth and mercy shine,
To such as, with religious hearts,
To his blest will incline.

9 Since mercy is the grace
That most exalts thy fame,
Forgive my heinous sin, O LORD,
And so advance thy name.

10 Whoe'er with humble fear,
To GOD his duty pays,
Shall find the LORD a faithful guide,
In all his righteous ways.

11 For GOD to all his saints
His secret will imparts,
And does his gracious covenant write
In their obedient hearts.

12 To Israel's chosen race
Continue ever kind;
And, in the midst of all their wants,
Let them thy succor find.

PSALM 21. C. M.

From the xxvi. Psalm of David.*

1 JUDGE me, O LORD, for I the paths
Of righteousness have trod;

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I shall not fail, who all my trust
Repose on thee, my God.

2 I 'll wash my hands in innocence,
And round thine altar go;
Pour the glad hymn of triumph thence,
And thence thy wonders show.

3 My thanks I 'll publish there, and tell
How thy renown excels;
That seat affords me most delight,
In which thine honor dwells.

PSALM 22. C. M.

From the xxvii. Psalm of David.

1 WHOM should I fear, since God to me
Is saving health and light?
Since strongly he my life supports,
What can my soul affright?

2 Henceforth within his house to dwell
I earnestly desire;
His wondrous beauty there to view,
And of his will inquire.

3 For there I may with comfort rest,
In times of deep distress;
And safe, as on a rock, abide
In that secure recess.

4 When us to seek thy glorious face
Thou kindly dost advise;
"Thy glorious face I 'll always seek,"
My grateful heart replies.

5 Then hide not thou thy face, O Lord,
Nor me in wrath reject;
My God and Saviour, leave not him
Thou didst so oft protect.

6 Though all of nearest earthly ties
Me, in my wo, forsake,
Yet thou, whose love excels them all,
Wilt care and pity take.

7 Instruct me in thy paths, O Lord,
My ways directly guide;
Lest sinful men, who watch my steps,
Should see me tread aside.

8 I trusted that my future life
Should with thy love be crown'd;
Or else my fainting soul had sunk,
With sorrow compass'd round.

9 God's time with patient faith expect,
Who will inspire thy breast
With inward strength: do thou thy part,
And leave to him the rest.

PSALM 23. C. M.

From the xxviii. Psalm of David.

1 ADORED for ever be the LORD;
His praise I will resound,
From whom the cries of my distress
A gracious answer found.

2 He is my strength and shield; my heart
Has trusted in his Name;
And now relieved, my heart, with joy,
His praises shall proclaim.

3 The LORD, the everlasting GOD,
Is my defence and rock,
The saving health, the saving strength,
Of his anointed flock.

4 O save and bless thy people, LORD,
Thy heritage preserve;
Feed, strengthen, and support their hearts,
That they may never swerve.

PSALM 24. L. M.

From the xxix. Psalm of David.

1 YE that in might and power excel,
Your grateful sacrifice prepare;
GOD's glorious actions loudly tell,
His wondrous power to all declare.

2 To his great Name fresh altars raise;
Devoutly due respect afford;
Him in his holy temple praise,
Where he 's with solemn state adored.

3 'T is he that, with amazing noise,
The wat'ry clouds in sunder breaks;
The ocean trembles at his voice,
When he from heaven in thunder speaks.

4 How full of power his voice appears!
With what majestic terror crown'd!
Which from their roots tall cedars teare,
And strews their scatter'd branches round.

5 God rules the angry floods on high;
His boundless sway shall never cease;
His saints with strength he will supply,
And bless his own with constant peace.

PSALM 25. C. M.

From the xxx. Psalm of David.

1 IN my distress to God I cried,
Who kindly did relieve,
And from the grave's expecting mouth
My hopeless life retrieve.

2 O to his courts, ye saints of his,
With songs of praise repair;
With me commemorate his truth,
And providential care.

3 His wrath has but a moment's reign,
His favor no decay;
The night of grief is recompensed
With joy's returning day.

4 Therefore, O Lord, I 'll gladly sing
Thy praise in grateful verse;
And, as thy favors endless are,
Thy endless praise rehearse.

PSALM 26. S. M.

From the xxxi. Psalm of David.

1 DEFEND me, Lord, from shame,
For still I trust in thee;
As just and righteous is thy name,
From danger set me free.

2 Bow down thy gracious ear,
And speedy succor send;
Do thou my steadfast rock appear,
To shelter and defend.

3 To thee, the God of truth,
My life, and all that 's mine,
(For thou preserv'st me from my youth,)
I willingly resign.

4 My hope, my steadfast trust,
I on thy help repose:
That thou, my God, art good and just,
My soul with comfort knows.

5 Whate'er events betide,
Thy wisdom times them all;
Then, Lord, thy servant safely hide
From those that seek his fall.

6 The brightness of thy face
To me, O Lord, disclose;
And, as thy mercies still increase,
Preserve me from my foes.

7 How great thy mercies are
To such as fear thy Name,
Which thou, for those that trust thy care,
Dost to the world proclaim!

8 O all ye saints, the Lord
With eager love pursue;
Who to the just will help afford,
And give the proud their due.

9 Ye that on God rely,
Courageously proceed;
For he will still your hearts supply
With strength in time of need.

PSALM 27. L. M.

From the xxxii. Psalm of David.

1 HE 's blest, whose sins have pardon gain'd,
No more in judgment to appear;
Whose guilt remission has obtain'd,
And whose repentance is sincere.

2 No sooner I my wound disclosed,
The guilt that tortured me within,
But thy forgiveness interposed,
And mercy's healing balm pour'd in.

3 Sorrows on sorrows multiplied,
The harden'd sinner shall confound;
But them who in his truth confide,
Blessings of mercy shall surround.

4 His saints, that have perform'd his laws,
Their life in triumph shall employ;
Let them, as they alone have cause,
In grateful raptures shout for joy.

PSALM 28.

From the xxxiii. Psalm of David.

PART I. C. M.

1 LET all the just to God, with joy,
Their cheerful voices raise;
For well the righteous it becomes
To sing glad songs of praise.

2 Let harps, and psalteries, and lutes,
In joyful concert meet;
And new-made songs of loud applause
The harmony complete.

3 For faithful is the word of God;
His works with truth abound;
He justice loves; and all the earth
Is with his goodness crown'd.

4 By his almighty word at first,
The heavenly arch was rear'd;
And all the beauteous hosts of light
At his command appear'd.

5 Let earth, and all that dwell therein,
Before him trembling stand;
For, when he spake the word, 't was made,
'T was fix'd at his command.

PART II. C. M.

1 WHATE'ER the mighty LORD decrees,
Shall stand for ever sure;
The settled purpose of his heart
To ages shall endure.

2 How happy then are they, to whom
The LORD for GOD is known!
Whom he, from all the world besides,
Has chosen for his own.

3 Our soul on GOD with patience waits;
Our help and shield is he;
Then, LORD, let still our hearts rejoice,
Because we trust in thee.

4 The riches of thy mercy, LORD,
Do thou to us extend;
Since we, for all we want or wish
On thee alone depend.

PSALM 29.

From the xxxiv. Psalm of David.

PART I. C. M.

1 THROUGH all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my GOD shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

2 Of his deliv'rance I will boast,
Till all that are distress'd
From my example comfort take,
And charm their griefs to rest.

3 O magnify the LORD with me,
With me exalt his name:
When in distress to him I call'd,
He to my rescue came.

4 The Angel of the LORD encamps
Around the good and just;
Deliv'rance he affords to all
Who on his succor trust.

5 O make but trial of his love,
Experience will decide
How blest they are, and only they,
Who in his truth confide.

6 Fear him, ye saints; and you will then
Have nothing else to fear:
Make you his service your delight,
Your wants shall be his care.

PART II. C. M.

1 APPROACH, ye children of the LORD,
And my instruction hear;
I 'll teach you the true discipline
Of his religious fear.

2 Let him who length of life desires,
And prosp'rous days would see,
From sland'ring language keep his tongue,
His lips from falsehood free;

3 The crooked paths of vice decline,
And virtue's ways pursue;
Establish peace, where 't is begun;
And where 't is lost, renew.

4 The LORD from heaven beholds the just
With favorable eyes;
And, when distress'd, his gracious ear
Is open to their cries;

5 But turns his wrathful look on those
Whom mercy can't reclaim,
To cut them off, and from the earth
Blot out their evil name.

6 Deliv'rance to his saints he gives,
When his relief they crave;
He 's nigh to heal the broken heart,
And contrite spirit save.

7 Great troubles may afflict the just,
Yet GOD will save them still;
The righteous he will keep from harm,
And guard from every ill.

8 The wicked, from their wickedness,
Their ruin shall derive;
Whilst righteous men, whom they detest,
Shall them and their's survive.

9 For GOD preserves the souls of those
Who on his truth depend;
To them, and their posterity,
His blessings shall descend.

PSALM 30. L. M.

From the xxxvi. Psalm of David.

1 O LORD, thy mercy, my sure hope,
The highest orb of heaven transcends;
Thy sacred truth's unmeasured scope
Beyond the spreading sky extends.

2 Thy justice like the hills remains,
Unfathom'd depths thy judgments are;
Thy providence the world sustains,
The whole creation is thy care.

3 Since of thy goodness all partake,
With what assurance should the just
Thy shelt'ring wings their refuge make,
And saints to thy protection trust!

4 Such guests shall to thy courts be led,
To banquet on thy love's repast;
And drink, as from a fountain's head,
Of joys that shall for ever last.

5 With thee the springs of life remain,
Thy presence is eternal day;
O let thy saints thy favor gain,
To upright hearts thy truth display.

PSALM 31.

From the xxxvii. Psalm of David.

PART I. II. 2.

1 THOUGH wicked men grow rich or great,
Yet let not their successful state
Thy anger or thy envy raise;
For they, cut down like tender grass,
Or like young flowers away shall pass,
Whose blooming beauty soon decays.

2 Depend on God, and him obey,
So thou within the land shalt stay,
Secure from danger and from want
Make his commands thy chief delight,
And he, thy duty to requite,
Shall all thy earnest wishes grant.

3 In all thy ways trust thou the Lord,
And he will needful help afford,
To perfect every just design;
He 'll make like light, serene and clear,
Thy clouded innocence appear,
And as a mid-day sun to shine.

4 With quiet mind on God depend,
And patiently for him attend,
Nor envy the success of crime;
For God will sinful men destroy,
Whilst they his presence shall enjoy,
Who trust on him and wait his time.

PART II. II. 2.

1 THE good man's way is GOD's delight:
He orders all the steps aright
Of him that moves by his command;
Though he sometimes may be distress'd,
Yet shall he ne'er be quite oppress'd,
For GOD upholds him with his hand.

2 With caution shun each wicked deed,
In virtue's ways with zeal proceed,
And so prolong your happy days;
For GOD, who judgment loves, does still
Preserve his saints secure from ill,
While soon the wicked race decays.

3 The upright shall possess the land,
His portion shall for ages stand;
His mouth with wisdom is supplied,
His tongue by rules of judgment moves,
His heart the law of GOD approves;
Therefore his footsteps never slide.

PART III. II. 2.

1 THE wicked I in power have seen,
And like a bay-tree fresh and green
That spreads its pleasant branches round:
But he was gone as swift as thought;
And, though in every place I sought,
No sign or track of him I found.

2 Observe the perfect man with care,
And mark all such as upright are;
Their roughest days in peace shall end:
While on the latter end of those
Who dare GOD's sacred will oppose,
A common ruin shall attend.

3 GOD to the just will aid afford,
Their only safeguard is the LORD,
Their strength in time of need is he:
Because on him they still depend,
The LORD will timely succor send,
And from the wicked set them free.

PSALM 32. C. M.

From the xxxviii. Psalm of David.

1 THY chast'ning wrath, O LORD, restrain,
Though I deserve it all;
Nor let on me the heavy storm
Of thy displeasure fall.

2 My sins, which to a deluge swell,
My sinking head o'erflow,
And, for my feeble strength to bear,
Too vast a burden grow.

3 But, LORD, before thy searching eyes
All my desires appear;
The groanings of my burden'd soul
Have reach'd thine open ear.

4 Forsake me not, O LORD, my GOD,
Nor far from me depart;
Make haste to my relief, O thou
Who my salvation art.

PSALM 33. C. M.

From the xxxix. Psalm of David.

1 LORD, let me know my term of days
How soon my life will end:
The num'rous train of ills disclose,
Which this frail state attend.

2 My life, thou know'st, is but a span,
A cypher sums my years;
And every man, in best estate,
But vanity appears.

3 Man, like a shadow, vainly walks,
With fruitless cares oppress'd;
He heaps up wealth, but cannot tell
By whom 't will be possess'd.

4 Why then should I on worthless toys
With anxious cares attend?
On thee alone my steadfast hope
Shall ever, LORD, depend.

5 LORD, hear my cry, accept my tears,
And listen to my prayer,
Who sojourn like a stranger here,
As all my fathers were.

6 O spare me yet a little time;
My wasted strength restore,
Before I vanish quite from hence,
And shall be seen no more.

PSALM 34. L. M.

From the xl. Psalm of David.

1 I WAITED meekly for the LORD,
Till he vouchsafed a kind reply;
Who did his gracious ear afford,
And heard from heaven my humble cry.

2 The wonders he for me has wrought
Shall fill my mouth with songs of praise;
And others to his worship brought,
To hopes of like deliv'rance raise.

3 For blessings shall that man reward,
Who on th' Almighty LORD relies;
Who treats the proud with disregard,
And hates the hypocrite's disguise.

4 Who can the wondrous works recount
Which thou, O GOD, for us hast wrought?
The treasures of thy love surmount
The power of numbers, speech, and thought.

5 I 've learnt that thou hast not desired
Off'rings and sacrifice alone;
Nor blood of guiltless beasts required
For man's transgression to atone.

6 I therefore come—come to fulfil
The oracles thy books impart;
'T is my delight to do thy will,
Thy law is written in my heart.

7 In full assemblies I have told
Thy truth and righteousness at large:
Nor did, thou know'st, my lips withhold
From uttering what thou gav'st in charge:

8 Nor kept within my breast confined
Thy faithfulness and saving grace;
But preach'd thy love, for all design'd,
That all might that and truth embrace.

9 Then let those mercies I declared
To others, LORD, extend to me;
Thy loving-kindness my reward,
Thy truth my safe protection be.

PSALM 35. C. M.

From the xli. Psalm of David.

1 HAPPY the man whose tender care
Relieves the poor distress'd!
When troubles compass him around,
The LORD shall give him rest.

2 The LORD his life, with blessings crown'd,
In safety shall prolong;
And disappoint the will of those
That seek to do him wrong.

3 If he, in languishing estate,
Oppress'd with sickness lie;
The LORD will easy make his bed,
And inward strength supply.

4 Secure of this, to thee, my GOD
I thus my prayer address'd;
"LORD, for thy mercy, heal my soul,
Though I have much transgress'd."

5 Thy tender care secures my life
From danger and disgrace;
And thou vouchsaf'st to set me still
Before thy glorious face.

6 Let therefore Israel's LORD and GOD
From age to age be bless'd;
And all the people's glad applause
With loud Amens express'd.

PSALM 36. C. M.

From the xlii. Psalm of David.

1 AS pants the hart for cooling streams,
When heated in the chase;
So longs my soul, O GOD, for thee,
And thy refreshing grace.

2 For thee, my GOD, the living GOD,
My thirsty soul doth pine;
O! when shall I behold thy face,
Thou Majesty divine?

3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Trust God; who will employ
His aid for thee, and change these sighs
To thankful hymns of joy.

4 God of my strength, how long shall I,
Like one forgotten, mourn;
Forlorn, forsaken, and exposed
To my oppressor's scorn?

5 My heart is pierced, as with a sword,
While thus my foes upbraid:
"Vain boaster, where is now thy God?
And where his promised aid?"

6 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still; and thou shalt sing
The praise of Him who is thy God,
Thy health's eternal spring.

PSALM 37. II. 5.

From the xlii. Psalm of David.

1 AS pants the wearied hart for cooling springs,
That sinks exhausted in the summer's chase,
So pants my soul for thee, great King of kings,
So thirsts to reach thy sacred dwelling-place.

2 Why throb, my heart? why sink, my sadd'ning soul?
Why droop to earth, with various woes oppress'd?
My years shall yet in blissful circles roll,
And peace be yet an inmate of this breast.

3 Lord, thy sure mercies, ever in my sight,
My heart shall gladden through the tedious day;
And 'midst the dark and gloomy shades of night,
To thee, my God, I 'll tune the grateful lay.

4 Why faint, my soul? why doubt Jehovah's aid?
Thy God the God of mercy still shall prove;
Within his courts thy thanks shall yet be paid—
Unquestion'd be his faithfulness and love!

PSALM 38. L. M.

From the xliii. Psalm of David.

1 LET me with light and truth be bless'd;
Be these my guides to lead the way,
Till on Thy holy hill I rest,
And in thy sacred temple pray.

2 Then will I there fresh altars raise
To God, who is my only joy;
And well-tuned harps, with songs of praise,
Shall all my grateful hours employ.

3 Why then cast down, my soul? and why
So much oppress'd with anxious care?
On God, thy God, for aid rely,
Who will thy ruin'd state repair.

PSALM 39. C. M.

From the xlv. Psalm of David.

1 WHILE I the King's loud praise rehearse,
Indited by my heart,
My tongue is like the pen of him
That writes with ready art.

2 How matchless is thy form, O King!
Thy mouth with grace o'erflows;
Because fresh blessings God on thee
Eternally bestows.

3 Gird on thy sword, most mighty prince;
And, clad in rich array,
With glorious ornaments of power
Majestic pomp display.

4 Ride on in state, and still protect
The meek, the just, and true;
Whilst thy right hand, with swift revenge,
Does all thy foes pursue.

5 How sharp thy weapons are to them
That dare thy power despise!
Down, down they fall, while through their heart
The piercing arrow flies.

6 But thy firm throne, O God, is fix'd,
For ever to endure;
Thy sceptre's sway shall always last,
By righteous laws secure.

7 Because thy heart, by justice led,
Did upright ways approve,
And hated still the crooked paths,
Where wand'ring sinners rove:

8 Therefore did GOD, thy GOD, on thee
The oil of gladness shed;
And has, above thy fellows round,
Advanced thy lofty head.

PSALM 40. II. 2.

From the xlvi. Psalm of David.

1 GOD is our refuge in distress,
A present help when dangers press,
In him, undaunted, we 'll confide;
Though earth were from her centre tost,
And mountains in the ocean lost,
Torn piece-meal by the roaring tide.

2 A gentler stream with gladness still
The city of our LORD shall fill,
The royal seat of GOD most high:
GOD dwells in Sion, whose fair towers
Shall mock th' assaults of earthly powers,
While his almighty aid is nigh.

3 Submit to GOD's almighty sway,
For him the Heathen shall obey,
And earth her sovereign LORD confess:
The GOD of hosts conducts our arms,
Our tower of refuge in alarms,
As to our fathers in distress.

PSALM 41. L. M.

From the xlvii. Psalm of David.

1 O ALL ye people, clap your hands,
And with triumphant voices sing:
No force the mighty power withstands
Of GOD, the universal King.

2 He shall assaulting foes repel,
And with success our battles fight;
Shall fix the place where we must dwell,
The pride of Jacob, his delight.

3 God is gone up, our Lord and King,
With shouts of joy, and trumpet's sound;
To him repeated praises sing,
And let the cheerful song rebound.

4 Your utmost skill in praise be shown,
For him who all the world commands,
Who sits upon his righteous throne,
And spreads his sway o'er heathen lands.

PSALM 42. C. M.

From the xlviii. Psalm of David.

1 THE Lord, the only God, is great,
And greatly to be praised
In Sion, on whose happy mount
His sacred throne is raised.

2 In Sion we have seen perform'd
A work that was foretold,
In pledge that God, for times to come,
His city will uphold.

3 Let Sion's mount with joy resound;
Her daughters all be taught
In songs his judgments to extol,
Who this deliv'rance wrought.

4 Compass her walls in solemn pomp,
Your eyes quite round her cast;
Count all her towers, and see if there
You find one stone displaced.

5 Her forts and palaces survey,
Observe their order well;
That to the ages yet to come
His wonders you may tell.

6 This God is ours, and will be ours
Whilst we in him confide;
Who, as he has preserved us now.
Till death will be our guide.

PSALM 43.

From the l. Psalm of David.

PART I. II. 2.

1 THE Lord hath spoke, the mighty God
Hath sent his summons all abroad,
From dawning light till day declines;

The list'ning earth his voice hath heard,
And he from Sion hath appear'd,
Where beauty in perfection shines.

2 Our God shall come, and keep no more
Misconstrued silence as before,
But wasting flames before him send;
Around shall tempests fiercely rage,
Whilst he does heaven and earth engage
His just tribunal to attend.

3 Assemble all my saints to me,
(Thus runs the great divine decree,)
That in my lasting cov'nant live,
And offerings bring with constant care:
The heavens his justice shall declare,
For God himself shall sentence give.

PART II. II. 2.

1 Attend, my people; Israel, hear;
Thy strong accuser I 'll appear;
Thy God, thine only God am I:
'T is not of offerings I complain,
Which, daily in my temple slain,
My sacred altar did supply.

2 The sacrifices I require
Are hearts which love and zeal inspire,
And vows with strictest care made good:
In time of trouble call on me,
And I will set thee safe and free,
And thou shalt praise thy gracious God.

3 Consider this, ye thoughtless men!
My vengeance shall not fall in vain,
And none will dare your cause to own;
Who praises me due honor gives,
And to the man that justly lives
My strong salvation shall be shown.

PSALM 44. S. M.

From the li. Psalm of David.

1 HAVE mercy, Lord, on me,
As thou wert ever kind;
Let me, oppress'd with loads of guilt,
Thy wonted mercy find.

2 Wash off my foul offence,
And cleanse me from my sin;
For I confess my crime, and see
How great my guilt has been.

3 Against thee, LORD, alone,
And only in thy sight,
Have I transgress'd; and, though condemn'd,
Must own thy judgment right.

4 In guilt each part was form'd
Of all this sinful frame;
In guilt I was conceived, and born,
The heir of sin and shame.

5 Yet, LORD, thy searching eye
Does inward truth require;
And secretly with wisdom's laws
My soul thou wilt inspire.

6 With hyssop purge me, LORD,
And so I clean shall be:
I shall with snow in whiteness vie,
When purified by thee.

7 Make me to hear with joy
Thy kind forgiving voice;
That so the bones which thou hast broke
May with fresh strength rejoice.

8 Blot out my crying sins,
Nor me in anger view:
Create in me a heart that 's clean,
An upright mind renew.

9 Withdraw not thou thy help,
Nor cast me from thy sight;
Nor let thy Holy Spirit take
His everlasting flight.

10 The joy thy favor gives
Let me, O LORD, regain,
And thy free Spirit's firm support
My fainting soul sustain.

11 So I thy righteous ways
To sinners will impart;
Whilst my advice shall wicked men
To thy just laws convert.

12 Could sacrifice atone,
Whole flocks and herds should die;
But on such off'rings thou disdain'st
To cast a gracious eye.

13 A broken spirit is
By God most highly prized;
By him a broken, contrite heart,
Shall never be despised.

14 Let Sion favor find,
Of thy good will assured;
And thy own city flourish long,
By lofty walls secured.

15 The just shall then attend,
And pleasing tribute pay;
And sacrifice of choicest kind
Upon thy altar lay.

PSALM 45. C. M.

From the lv. Psalm of David.

1 GIVE ear, thou Judge of all the earth,
And listen when I pray;
Nor from thy humble suppliant turn
Thy glorious face away.

2 My heart is pain'd; the shades of death
Their terrors round me spread;
While fearful tremblings seize my breast,
Horrors o'erwhelm my head.

3 And thus I breathe my heavy sigh
To Him who hears above;
"O that my soul on wings could fly,
And emulate the dove!

4 "Swift I 'd escape, and flee afar,
Some secret place to find,
Hide from the world's distracting care,
And rest my weary mind.

5 "I 'd wing my everlasting flight,
Bidding the world farewell,
From sin and strife, to realms of light,
Where peace and quiet dwell."

6 Thus will I call on God, who still
Shall in my aid appear;
At morn, at noon, at night I 'll pray,
And he my voice shall hear.

PSALM 46. C. M.

From the lvi. Psalm of David.

1 LORD! though at times surprised by fear,
On danger's first alarm,
Yet still for succor I depend
On thy almighty arm.

2 God's faithful promise I shall praise,
On which I now rely;
In God I trust, and, trusting him,
The arm of flesh defy.

3 I 'll trust God's word, and so despise
The force that man can raise;
To thee, O God, my vows are due,
To thee I 'll render praise.

4 Thou hast retrieved my soul from death,
And thou wilt still secure
The life thou hast so oft preserved,
And make my footsteps sure:

5 That thus, protected by thy power
I may this light enjoy;
And in the service of my God
My lengthen'd days employ.

PSALM 47. L. M.

From the lvii. Psalm of David.

1 O GOD, my heart is fix'd, 't is bent,
Its thankful tribute to present;
And, with my heart, my voice I 'll raise
To thee, my God, in songs of praise.

2 Awake, my glory; harp and lute,
No longer let your strings be mute:
And I, my tuneful part to take,
Will with the early dawn awake.

3 Thy praises, Lord, I will resound
To all the list'ning nations round:
Thy mercy highest heaven transcends,
Thy truth beyond the clouds extends.

4 Be thou, O God, exalted high;
And as thy glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth display'd,
Till thou art here, as there, obey'd.

PSALM 48. L. M.

From the lxii. Psalm of David.

1 MY soul, for help on God rely,
On him alone thy trust repose;
My rock and health will strength supply,
To bear the shock of all my foes.

2 God does his saving health dispense,
And flowing blessings daily send:
He is my fortress and defence,
On him my soul shall still depend.

3 In him, ye people, always trust;
Before his throne pour out your hearts:
For God, the merciful and just,
His timely aid to us imparts.

4 The Lord has oft his will express'd,
And I this truth have fully known;
To be of boundless power possess'd,
Belongs of right to God alone.

5 Though mercy is his darling grace,
In which he chiefly takes delight;
Yet he will all the human race
According to their works requite.

PSALM 49. II. 2.

From the lxiii. Psalm of David.

1 O GOD, my gracious God, to thee
My morning prayers shall offer'd be,
For thee my thirsty soul does pant;
My fainting flesh implores thy grace,
As in a dry and barren place,
Where I refreshing waters want.

2 O! to my longing eyes, once more,
That view of glorious power restore,
Which thy majestic house displays:
Because to me thy wondrous love
Than life itself does dearer prove,
My lips shall always speak thy praise.

3 My life, while I that life enjoy,
In blessing God I will employ,
With lifted hands adore his name:
As with its choicest food supplied,
My soul shall be full satisfied
While I with joy his praise proclaim.

4 When down I lie, sweet sleep to find,
Thou, Lord, art present to my mind,
And when I wake in dead of night;
Because thou still dost succor bring,
Beneath the shadow of thy wing
I rest with safety and delight.

PSALM 50.

From the xlv. Psalm of David.

PART I. L. M.

1 FOR thee, O God, our constant praise
In Sion waits, thy chosen seat;
Our promised altars there we 'll raise,
And all our zealous vows complete.

2 Thou! who to every humble prayer,
Dost always bend thy list'ning ear,
To thee shall all mankind repair,
And at thy gracious throne appear.

3 Our sins, though numberless, in vain
To stop thy flowing mercy try;
Whilst thou o'erlook'st the guilty stain,
And washest out the crimson dye.

4 Blest is the man, who, near thee placed,
Within thy sacred dwelling lives!
'T is there abundantly we taste
The vast delights thy temple gives.

PART II. L. M.

1 Lord! from thy unexhausted store,
Thy rain relieves the thirsty ground;
Makes lands, that barren were before,
With corn and useful fruits abound.

2 On rising ridges down it pours,
And every furrow'd valley fills:
Thou mak'st them soft with gentle showers,
In which a blest increase distils.

3 Thy goodness does the circling year
With fresh returns of plenty crown;
And where thy glorious paths appear,
The fruitful clouds drop fatness down.

4 They drop on barren deserts, changed
By them to pastures fresh and green:
The hills about, in order ranged,
In beauteous robes of joy are seen.

5 Large flocks with fleecy wool adorn
The cheerful downs; the valleys bring
A plenteous crop of full ear'd corn,
And seem, for joy, to shout and sing.

PSALM 51.

From the lxvi. Psalm of David.

PART I. C. M.

1 LET all the lands, with shouts of joy,
To God their voices raise;
Sing psalms in honor of his name,
And spread his glorious praise.

2 And let them say, How dreadful, Lord,
In all thy works, art thou!
To thy great power thy stubborn foes
Shall all be forced to bow.

3 Through all the earth, the nations round
Shall thee, their God, confess;
And, with glad hymns, their awful dread
Of thy great Name express.

4 O come! behold the works of God,
And then with me you 'll own
That he to all the sons of men
Has wondrous judgment shown.

5 O all ye nations, bless our God,
And loudly speak his praise;
Who keeps our souls alive, and still
Confirms our steadfast ways.

PART II. C. M.

1 My off'rings to God's house I 'll bring,
And there my vows will pay,
Which I with solemn zeal did make
In trouble's dismal day.

2 O come, all ye that fear the LORD,
Attend with heedful care,
Whilst I what GOD for me has done
With grateful joy declare.

3 As I before his aid implored,
So now I praise his Name;
But, if my heart to sin incline,
My prayer will GOD disclaim.

4 But GOD to me, whene'er I cried,
His gracious ear did bend,
And to the voice of my request
With constant love attend.

5 Then bless'd for ever be my GOD,
Who never, when I pray,
Withholds his mercy from my soul,
Nor turns his face away.

PSALM 52. S. M.

From the lxvii. Psalm of David.

1 TO bless thy chosen race,
In mercy, LORD, incline;
And cause the brightness of thy face
On all thy saints to shine:

2 That so thy wondrous way
May through the world be known;
While distant lands their tribute pay,
And thy salvation own.

3 Let diff'ring nations join
To celebrate thy fame;
Let all the world, O LORD, combine
To praise thy glorious Name.

4 O let them shout and sing,
With joy and pious mirth;
For thou, the righteous Judge and King,
Shalt govern all the earth.

5 Let diff'ring nations join
To celebrate thy fame;
Let all the world, O LORD, combine
To praise thy glorious Name.

6 Then God upon our land
  Shall constant blessings shower;
And all the world in awe shall stand
  Of his resistless power.

PSALM 53. L. M.

From the lxviii. Psalm of David.

1 THE servants of JEHOVAH'S will
  His favor's gentle beams enjoy;
Their upright hearts let gladness fill,
  And cheerful songs their tongues employ.

2 To him your voice in anthems raise,
  JEHOVAH'S awful Name he bears;
In him rejoice, extol his praise,
  Who rides upon high-rolling spheres.

3 His chariots numberless, his powers
  Are heavenly hosts, that wait his will;
His presence now fills Sion's towers,
  As once it honor'd Sinai's hill.

4 Ascending high, in triumph thou
  Captivity hast captive led,
And on thy people didst bestow
  Thy gifts and graces freely shed.

5 Ev'n rebels shall partake thy grace,
  And humble proselytes repair
To worship at thy dwelling-place,
  And all the world pay homage there.

6 For benefits each day bestow'd,
  Be daily his great Name adored,
Who is our Saviour and our God,
  Of life and death the sov'reign LORD.

PSALM 54.

From the lxix. Psalm of David.

PART I. L. M.

1 SAVE me, O God, from waves that roll
And press to overwhelm my soul;
With painful steps in mire I tread,
And deluges o'erflow my head.

2 O Lord, to thee I will repair
For help, with humble, timely prayer;
Relieve me from thy mercy's store,
Display thy truth's preserving power.

3 From threat'ning dangers me relieve,
And from the mire my feet retrieve;
From all my foes in safety keep,
And snatch me from the raging deep.

4 Lord, hear the humble prayer I make,
For thy transcending goodness' sake;
Relieve thy supplicant once more
From thy abounding mercy's store.

5 Reproach and grief have broke my heart,
I look'd for some to take my part,
To pity, or relieve my pain;
But look'd, alas! for both in vain.

6 With hunger pined, for food I call,
Instead of food they give me gall;
And when with thirst my spirits sink,
They give me vinegar to drink.

7 For new afflictions they procured
For him who had thy stripes endured;
And made the wounds thy scourge had torn
To bleed afresh with sharper scorn.

PART II. L. M.

1 My soul, howe'er distress'd and poor,
Thy strong salvation shall restore;
Thy power with songs I'll then proclaim,
And celebrate with thanks thy Name.

2 Our God shall this more highly prize,
Than herds or flocks in sacrifice;
Which humble saints with joy shall see,
And hope for like redress with me.

3 For God regards the poor's complaint,
And frees the captive from restraint;
Let heaven, earth, sea, their voices raise,
And all the world resound his praise.

PSALM 55. C. M.

From the lxxi. Psalm of David.

1 IN thee I put my steadfast trust,
Defend me, LORD, from shame:
Incline thine ear, and save my soul,
For righteous is thy Name.

2 Be thou my strong abiding-place,
To which I may resort:
Thy promise, LORD, is my defence,
Thou art my rock and fort.

3 My steadfast and unchanging hope
Shall on thy power depend;
And I in grateful songs of praise
My time to come will spend.

4 Thy righteous acts and saving health,
My mouth shall still declare;
Unable yet to count them all,
Though summ'd with utmost care.

5 While GOD vouchsafes me his support,
I 'll in his strength go on;
All other righteousness disclaim,
And mention his alone.

6 Thou, LORD, hast taught me from my youth
To praise thy glorious Name;
And ever since, thy wondrous works
Have been my constant theme.

7 Therefore, with psaltery and harp,
Thy truth, O LORD, I 'll praise;
To thee the GOD of Jacob's race,
My voice in anthems raise.

8 Then joy shall fill my mouth, and songs
Employ my cheerful voice;
My grateful soul, by thee redeem'd,
Shall in thy strength rejoice.

PSALM 56. C. M.

From the lxxii. Psalm of David.

1 LO! hills and mountains shall bring forth
The happy fruits of peace;
Which all the land shall own to be
The work of righteousness:

2 While David's Son our needy race
  Shall rule with gentle sway;
And from their humble neck shall take
  Oppressive yokes away.

3 In every heart thy awful fear
  Shall then be rooted fast,
As long as sun and moon endure,
  Or time itself shall last.

4 He shall descend like rain, that cheers
  The meadow's second birth;
Or like warm showers, whose gentle drops
  Refresh the thirsty earth.

5 In his blest days the just and good
  Shall spring up all around;
The happy land shall every where
  With endless peace abound.

6 His uncontroll'd dominion shall
  From sea to sea extend;
Begin at proud Euphrates' stream,
  At nature's limits end.

7 To him the savage nations round
  Shall bow their servile heads;
His vanquish'd foes shall lick the dust,
  Where he his conquest spreads.

8 The kings of Tarshish and the isles
  Shall costly presents bring;
From spicy Sheba gifts shall come,
  And wealthy Saba's king.

9 To him shall every king on earth
  His humble homage pay;
And diff'ring nations gladly join
  To own his righteous sway.

10 For he shall set the needy free,
  When they for succor cry;
Shall save the helpless and the poor,
  And all their wants supply.

11 For him shall constant prayer be made
  Through all his prosp'rous days:
His just dominion shall afford
  A lasting theme of praise.

12 The mem ry of his glorious Name
Through endless years shall run;
His spotless fame shall shine as bright
And lasting as the sun.

13 In him the nations of the world
Shall be completely bless'd,
And his unbounded happiness
By every tongue confess'd.

14 Then bless'd be God, the mighty Lord,
The God whom Israel fears;
Who only wondrous in his works
Beyond compare, appears.

15 Let earth be with his glory fill'd,
For ever bless his Name;
Whilst to his praise the list'ning world
Their glad assent proclaim.

PSALM 57. L. M.

From the lxxiii. Psalm of David.

1 THY presence, Lord, hath me supplied,
Thou my right hand support dost give:
Thou first shalt with thy counsel guide,
And then to glory me receive.

2 Whom then in heaven, but thee alone,
Have I whose favor I require?
Throughout the spacious earth there 's none,
Compared with thee, that I desire.

3 My trembling flesh and aching heart
May often fail to succor me;
But God shall inward strength impart,
And my eternal portion be.

4 For they that far from thee remove
Shall into sudden ruin fall;
If after other gods they rove,
Thy vengeance shall destroy them all.

5 But as for me, 't is good and just
That I should still to God repair;
In him I always put my trust,
And will his wondrous works declare.

PSALM 58. C. M.

From the lxxiv. Psalm of David.

1 THINE is the cheerful day, O LORD;
Thine the return of night;
Thou hast prepared the glorious sun,
And every feebler light.

2 By thee the borders of the earth
In perfect order stand;
The summer's warmth and winter's cold,
Attend on thy command.

PSALM 59. IV. 1.

From the lxxvi. Psalm of David.

1 THE Name of our GOD
In Israel is known;
His mansion beloved
Is Sion alone;
There broke he the arrows
The enemy hurl'd,
And honor'd his mountain
Above all the world.

2 The pride of thy foes
Is turn'd to thy praise;
Their fierceness o'er-ruled
Thy providence sways:
Their sin overflowing
Thy power will restrain;
Thy arm on the wicked
New glory will gain.

3 Ye nations, to GOD
Vow homage sincere;
Devote to him gifts,
Love, worship, and fear!
Before him, ye mighty,
Your spirits repress!
Ye high, and ye humble
His wonders confess.

PSALM 60. C. M.

From the lxxviii. Psalm of David.

1 HEAR, O my people, to my law
Devout attention lend;
Let the instruction of my mouth
Deep in your hearts descend.

2 My tongue shall oracles proclaim
Which ancient times have known;
The truths which our forefathers' care
To us has handed down.

3 We will not hide them from our sons,
Our offspring shall be taught
The praises of the LORD, whose strength
Has works of wonder wrought.

4 For Jacob he his law ordain'd,
His league with Israel made;
With charge to be from age to age,
From race to race, convey'd.

5 That generations yet to come
Should to their unborn heirs
Religiously transmit the same,
And they again to theirs.

6 To teach them that in GOD alone
Their hopes securely stands;
That they should ne'er his works forget,
But keep his just commands.

PSALM 61. L. M.

From the lxxx. Psalm of David.

1 O THOU whom heavenly hosts obey,
How long shall thy fierce anger burn?
How long thy suff'ring people pray,
And to their prayers have no return?

2 Thou brought'st a vine from Egypt's land;
And casting out the heathen race,
Didst plant it with thine own right hand,
And firmly fix it in their place.

3 Before it thou prepar'dst the way,
And mad'st it take a lasting root,
Which, bless'd with thy indulgent ray,
O'er all the land did widely shoot.

4 The hills were cover'd with its shade,
Its goodly boughs did cedars seem;
Its branches to the sea were spread,
And reach'd to proud Euphrates' stream.

5 To thee, O God of hosts, we pray,
Thy wonted goodness, Lord, renew;
From heaven, thy throne, this vine survey,
And her sad state with pity view.

6 Behold the vineyard made by thee,
Which thy right hand did guard so long
And keep that branch from danger free,
Which for thyself thou mad'st so strong.

7 Do thou convert us, Lord, do thou
The lustre of thy face display;
And all the ills we suffer now,
Like scatter'd clouds, shall pass away.

PSALM 62. C. M.

From the lxxxi. Psalm of David.

1 TO God, our never-failing strength,
With loud applauses sing:
And jointly make a cheerful noise
To Jacob's awful King.

2 Compose a hymn of praise, and touch
Your instruments of joy;
Let psalteries and tuneful harps
Your grateful skill employ.

3 Let trumpets at the festival
Their joyful voices raise,
To celebrate th' appointed time,
The solemn day of praise.

4 For this a statute was of old,
Which Jacob's God decreed
To be with pious care observed,
By Israel's chosen seed.

PSALM 63. C. M.

From the lxxxiv. Psalm of David.

1 O GOD of hosts, the mighty Lord,
How lovely is the place
Where thou, enthroned in glory, show'st
The brightness of thy face!

2 My longing soul faints with desire
  To view thy blest abode;
My panting heart and flesh cry out
  For thee, the living God.

3 The birds, more happy far than I,
  Around thy temple throng;
Securely there they build, and there
  Securely hatch their young.

4 O Lord of hosts, my king and God,
  How highly bless'd are they,
Who in thy temple always dwell,
  And there thy praise display!

5 Thrice happy they, whose choice has thee
  Their sure protection made,
Who long to tread the sacred ways
  That to thy dwelling lead!

6 Who pass through parch'd and thirsty vales,
  Yet no refreshment want;
Their pools are fill'd with rain, which thou
  At their request dost grant.

7 Thus they proceed from strength to strength,
  And still approach more near;
Till all on Sion's holy mount
  Before their God appear.

8 Within thy courts one single day
  'T is better to attend,
Than, Lord, in any other place
  A thousand days to spend.

9 Much rather in God's house will I
  The meanest office take,
Than in the wealthy tents of sin
  My pompous dwelling make.

10 For God, who is our sun and shield,
  Will grace and glory give;
And no good thing will he withhold
  From them that justly live.

11 Thou, God, whom heavenly hosts obey,
  How highly bless'd is he,
Whose hope and trust, securely placed,
  Are still reposed on thee!

PSALM 64. C. M.

From the lxxxv. Psalm of David.

1 O GOD our Saviour, all our hearts
To thy obedience turn;
That, quench'd with our repenting tears,
Thy wrath no more may burn.

2 For why should'st thou be angry still,
And wrath so long retain?
Revive us, LORD, and let thy saints
Thy wonted comfort gain.

3 Thy gracious favor, LORD, display,
Which we have long implored:
And, for thy wondrous mercy's sake,
Thy wonted aid afford.

4 GOD's answer patiently I 'll wait;
For he with glad success,
If they no more to folly turn,
His mourning saints will bless.

5 To all that fear GOD's holy Name
His sure salvation 's near;
His glory in our happy land
For ever shall appear.

6 For mercy now with truth is join'd;
And righteousness with peace,
Like kind companions, absent long,
With friendly arms embrace.

7 Truth from the earth shall spring, whilst heaven
Shall streams of justice pour;
And GOD, from whom all goodness flows,
Shall endless plenty shower.

8 Before him righteousness shall march,
And his just paths prepare;
While we his holy steps pursue
With constant zeal and care.

PSALM 65. C. M.

From the lxxxvi. Psalm of David.

1 TO my complaint, O LORD my GOD,
Thy gracious ear incline;
Hear me, distress'd and destitute
Of all relief but thine.

2 Do thou, O GOD, preserve my soul,
That does thy Name adore;
Thy servant keep, and him whose trust
Relies on thee, restore.

3 To me, who daily thee invoke,
Thy mercy, LORD, extend;
Refresh thy servant's soul, whose hopes
On thee alone depend.

4 Thou, LORD, art good, nor only good,
But prompt to pardon too;
Of plenteous mercy to all those
Who for thy mercy sue.

5 To my repeated humble prayer,
O LORD, attentive be;
When troubled, I on thee will call,
For thou wilt answer me.

6 Among the gods there 's none like thee,
O LORD, alone divine!
To thee as much inferior they,
As are their works to thine.

7 Therefore their great Creator, thee,
The nations shall adore;
Their long-misguided prayers and praise
To thy bless'd Name restore.

8 All shall confess thee great, and great
The wonders thou hast done;
Confess thee GOD, the GOD supreme,
Confess thee GOD alone.

9 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and I
From truth shall ne'er depart;
In rev'rence to thy sacred Name
Devoutly fix my heart.

10 Thee will I praise, O LORD my GOD,
Praise thee with heart sincère,
And to thy everlasting Name
Eternal trophies rear.

11 Thy boundless mercy shown to me
Transcends my power to tell;
For thou hast oft redeem'd my soul
From lowest deeps of hell.

12 And thou thy constant goodness didst
To my assistance bring:
Of patience, mercy, and of truth,
Thou everlasting spring!

PSALM 66. II. 3.

From the lxxxvii. Psalm of David.

1 GOD'S temple crowns the holy mount,
The LORD there condescends to dwell;
His Sion's gates, in his account,
Our Israel's fairest tents excel:
Yea, glorious things of thee we sing,
O city of th' Almighty King!

2 Of honor'd Sion we aver,
Illustrious throngs from her proceed;
Th' Almighty shall establish her,
And shall enrol her holy seed:
Yea, for his people he shall count
The children of his favor'd mount.

3 He 'll Sion find with numbers fill'd
Who celebrate his matchless praise;
Who, here in hallelujahs skill'd,
In heaven their harps and hymns shall raise:
O Sion, seat of Israel's King,
Be mine to drink thy living spring!

PSALM 67. L. M.

From the lxxxviii. Psalm of David.

1 GOD of my life, O LORD most high,
To thee by day and night I cry;
Vouchsafe my mournful voice to hear,
To my distress incline thine ear.

2 Like those whose strength and hopes are fled,
They number me among the dead;
Like those who, shrouded in the grave,
From thee no more remembrance have.

3 Wilt thou by miracle revive
The dead whom thou forsook'st alive?
Shall the mute grave thy love confess,
A mould'ring tomb thy faithfulness?

4 To thee, O LORD, I cry forlorn,
My prayer prevents the early morn:
Why hast thou, LORD, my soul forsook,
Nor once vouchsafed a gracious look?

5 Companions dear, and friends beloved,
Far from my sight thou hast removed:
GOD of my life, O LORD most high,
Vouchsafe to hear my mournful cry!

PSALM 68. L. M.

From the lxxxix. Psalm of David.

1 THY mercies, LORD, shall be my song,
My song on them shall ever dwell;
To ages yet unborn, my tongue
Thy never-failing truth shall tell.

2 I have affirm'd, and still maintain,
Thy mercy shall for ever last;
Thy truth, that does the heavens sustain,
Like them shall stand for ever fast.

3 Thus spak'st thou by thy prophet's voice:
"With David I a league have made;
To him, my servant, and my choice,
By solemn oath this grant convey'd:

4 "While earth, and seas, and skies endure,
Thy seed shall in my sight remain;
To them thy throne I will ensure,
They shall to endless ages reign."

5 For such stupendous truth and love,
Both heaven and earth just praises owe,
By choirs of angels sung above,
And by assembled saints below.

6 What seraph of celestial birth
To vie with Israel's God shall dare?
Or who among the gods of earth
With our Almighty Lord compare?

7 With rev'rence and religious dread,
His saints should to his temple press;
His fear through all their hearts should spread,
Who his almighty Name confess.

8 Lord God of armies, who can boast
Of strength or power like thine renown'd?
Of such a num'rous, faithful host,
As that which does thy throne surround?

9 Thou dost the lawless sea control,
And change the prospect of the deep;
Thou mak'st the sleeping billows roll;
Thou mak'st the rolling billows sleep.

10 In thee the sovereign right remains
Of earth and heaven; thee, Lord, alone,
The world, and all that it contains,
Their Maker and Preserver own.

11 Thine arm is mighty, strong thy hand,
Yet, Lord, thou dost with justice reign;
Possess'd of absolute command,
Thou truth and mercy dost maintain.

12 Happy, thrice happy they, who hear
Thy sacred trumpet's joyful sound;
Who may at festivals appear,
With thy most glorious presence crown'd.

13 Thy saints shall always be o'erjoy'd,
Who on thy sacred name rely;
And, in thy righteousness employ'd,
Above their foes be raised on high.

14 For in thy strength they shall advance,
Whose conquests from thy favor spring;
The Lord of hosts is our defence,
And Israel's God our Israel's King.

PSALM 69.

From the xc. Psalm of David.

PART I. C. M.

1 O LORD, the Saviour and defence
Of us thy chosen race,
From age to age thou still hast been
Our sure abiding-place.

2 Before thou brought'st the mountains forth,
Or th' earth and world didst frame,
Thou always wast the mighty God,
And ever art the same.

3 Thou turnest man, O Lord, to dust,
Of which he first was made;
And when thou speak'st the word, 'Return,'
'T is instantly obey'd.

4 For in thy sight a thousand years
Are like a day that 's past;
Or like a watch in dead of night,
Whose hours unminded waste.

5 Thou sweep'st us off as with a flood,
We vanish hence like dreams:—
At first we grow like grass that feels
The sun's reviving beams;

6 But howsoever fresh and fair
Its morning beauty shows,
'T is all cut down, and wither'd quite
Before the evening close.

7 We by thine anger are consumed,
And by thy wrath dismay'd;
Our public crimes and secret sins
Before thy sight are laid.

8 Beneath thine anger's sad effects
Our drooping days we spend;
Our unregarded years break off,
Like tales that quickly end.

9 Our term of time is seventy years,
An age that few survive:
But if, with more than common strength,
To eighty we arrive—

10 Yet then our boasted strength decays,
To sorrow turn'd and pain:
So soon the slender thread is cut,
And we no more remain.

PART II. C. M.

1 But who thine anger's dread effects
Does, as he ought, revere?
And yet thy wrath does fall or rise,
As more or less we fear.

2 So teach us, Lord, th' uncertain sum
Of our short days to mind,
That to true wisdom all our hearts
May ever be inclined.

3 O to thy servants, Lord, return,
And speedily relent!
As we of our misdeeds, do thou
Of our just doom repent.

4 To satisfy and cheer our souls,
Thy early mercy send;
That we may all our days to come
In joy and comfort spend.

5 To all thy servants, Lord, let this
Thy wondrous work be known;
And to our offspring yet unborn,
Thy glorious power be shown.

6 Let thy bright rays upon us shine,
Give thou our work success;
The glorious work we have in hand
Do thou vouchsafe to bless.

PSALM 70.

From the xci. Psalm of David.

PART I. II. 2.

1 HE that has God his guardian made,
Shall under the Almighty's shade
Secure and undisturb'd abide;
Thus to my soul of him I 'll say,
He is my fortress and my stay,
My God, in whom I will confide.

2 His tender love and watchful care
Shall free thee from the fowler's snare,
And from the noisome pestilence;
He over thee his wings shall spread,
And cover thy unguarded head;
His truth shall be thy strong defence.

3 No terrors that surprise by night
Shall thy undaunted courage fright,
Nor deadly shafts that fly by day,
Nor plague, of unknown rise, that kills
In darkness, nor infectious ills
That in the burning noon-tide slay.

4 Because, with well-placed confidence,
Thou mak'st the LORD thy sure defence,
Thy refuge, even GOD most high;
Therefore no ill on thee shall come,
Nor to thy heaven-protected home
Shall overwhelming plagues draw nigh.

PART II. III. 3.

1 GOD shall charge his angel legions
Watch and ward o'er thee to keep;
Though thou walk through hostile regions,
Though in desert wilds thou sleep.

2 On the lion vainly roaring,
On his young, thy foot shall tread;
And, the dragon's den exploring,
Thou shalt bruise the serpent's head.

3 Since, with pure and firm affection,
Thou on GOD hast set thy love,
With the wings of his protection
He will shield thee from above.

4 Thou shalt call on him in trouble,
He will hearken, he will save;
Here for grief reward thee double,
Crown with life beyond the grave.

PSALM 71. C. M.

From the xcii. Psalm of David.

1 HOW good and pleasant must it be
To thank the LORD most high;
And with repeated hymns of praise
His name to magnify!

2 With every morning's early dawn
His goodness to relate;
And of his constant truth, each night
The glad effects repeat!

3 To ten-string'd instruments we 'll sing,
With tuneful psalteries join'd;
And to the harp, with solemn sounds,
For sacred use design'd.

4 For through thy wondrous works, O LORD,
Thou mak'st my heart rejoice;
The thoughts of them shall make me glad,
And shout with cheerful voice.

5 How wondrous are thy works, O LORD!
How deep are thy decrees!
Whose winding tracks, in secret laid,
No careless sinner sees.

6 He little thinks, when wicked men,
Like grass, look fresh and gay,
How soon their short-lived splendor must
For ever pass away.

7 But thou, my GOD, art still most high;
And all thy lofty foes,
Who thought they might securely sin,
Shall be o'erwhelm'd with woes.

8 But righteous men, like rising palms,
Shall grow and flourish still;
Thy flock shall spread, like cedars choice
On Lebanon's high hill.

9 These, planted in the house of GOD,
Within his courts shall thrive;
Their vigor and their lustre both
Shall in old age revive.

10 Thus will the LORD his justice show;
And GOD, my strong defence,
Shall due rewards to all the world
Impartially dispense.

PSALM 72. L. M.

From the xciii. Psalm of David.

1 WITH glory clad, with strength array'd,
The LORD, that o'er all nature reigns,
The world's foundation strongly laid,
And the vast fabric still sustains.

2 How surely stablish'd is thy throne!
Which shall no change or period see;
For thou, O LORD, and thou alone,
Art GOD from all eternity.

3 The floods, O LORD, lift up their voice,
And toss the troubled waves on high;
But GOD above can still their noise,
And make the angry sea comply.

4 Thy promise, LORD, is ever sure,
And they that in thy house would dwell,
That happy station to secure,
Must still in holiness excel.

PSALM 73.

From the xciv. Psalm of David.

PART I. C. M.

1 SAY ye, the LORD shall not regard,
Shall not your sins discern?
Take heed, ye foolish and unwise;
When will ye wisdom learn?

2 Can he be deaf who form'd the ear,
Or blind, who framed the eye?
Shall earth's great Judge not punish those
Who his known will defy?

3 He fathoms all the hearts of men,
To him their thoughts lie bare;
His eye surveys them all, and sees
How vain their counsels are.

PART II. C. M.

1 BLESS'D is the man whom thou, O LORD,
In kindness dost chastise,
And by thy sacred rules to walk
Dost lovingly advise.

2 This man shall rest and safety find,
In seasons of distress:
Whilst God prepares a pit for those
That stubbornly transgress.

3 For God will never from his saints
His favor wholly take;
His own possession and his lot
He will not quite forsake.

4 The world shall yet confess thee just
In all that thou hast done:
And those that choose thy upright ways
Shall in those paths go on.

5 Long since had I in silence slept,
But that the Lord was near,
To stay me when I slipp'd; when sad,
My troubled heart to cheer.

6 My soul's defence is firmly placed
In God, the Lord most high:
He is my rock, to which I may
For refuge always fly.

PSALM 74. L. M.

From the xcv. Psalm of David.

1 O COME, loud anthems let us sing,
Loud thanks to our Almighty King;
For we our voices high should raise,
When our salvation's rock we praise.

2 Into his presence let us haste,
To thank him for his favors past;
To him address, in joyful songs,
The praise that to his Name belongs:

3 For God the Lord, enthroned in state,
Is, with unrivall'd glory, great;
A King superior far to all
Whom gods the Heathen falsely call.

4 The depths of earth are in his hand,
Her secret wealth at his command;
The strength of hills that reach the skies
Subjected to his empire lies.

5 The rolling ocean's vast abyss
By the same sovereign right is his;
'T was made by his almighty hand,
That form'd and fix'd the solid land.

6 O let us to his courts repair,
And bow with adoration there;
Down on our knees devoutly all
Before the LORD, our Maker, fall.

7 For he 's our GOD, our shepherd he,
His flock and pasture-sheep are we:
O then, ye faithful flock, to-day
His warning hear, his voice obey.

PSALM 75. II. 8.

From the xcvi. Psalm of David.

1 SING to the LORD a new-made song;
Let earth, in one assembled throng,
Her common patron's praise resound:
Sing to the LORD, and bless his name,
From day to day his praise proclaim,
Who us has with salvation crown'd:
To heathen lands his fame rehearse,
His wonders to the universe.

2 He 's great, and greatly to be praised;
In majesty and glory raised
Above all other deities;
For pageantry and idols all
Are they whom gods the Heathen call;
He only rules who made the skies:
With majesty and honor crown'd,
Glory and strength his throne surround.

3 Be glory then to him restored
By all who have false gods adored:
Ascribe due honor to his Name,
Peace-off'rings on his altar lay,
Before his throne your homage pay,
Which he, and he alone, can claim:
To worship at his sacred court,
Let all the trembling world resort.

4 Proclaim aloud, JEHOVAH reigns,
Whose power the universe sustains,
And banish'd justice will restore:
Let therefore heaven new joys confess,
And heavenly mirth let earth express,
Its loud applause the ocean roar,
Its mute inhabitants rejoice,
And for this triumph find a voice.

5 For joy let fertile valleys sing,
The cheerful groves their tribute bring,
And tuneful harmonies awake:
Behold! in truth and justice clad,
GOD comes to judge the world he made,
And to himself its throne to take:
He 's come, to judge the world he 's come,
With justice to reward and doom.

PSALM 76. L. M.

From the xcvii. Psalm of David.

1 JEHOVAH reigns, let all the earth
In his just government rejoice;
Let all the lands, with sacred mirth,
In his applause unite their voice.

2 Darkness and clouds of awful shade
His dazzling glory shroud in state;
Judgment and righteousness are made
The habitation of his seat.

3 For thou, O GOD, art seated high,
Above earth's potentates enthroned;
Thou, LORD, unrivall'd in the sky,
Supreme by all the gods art own'd.

4 Ye who to serve this LORD aspire,
Abhor what 's ill, and truth esteem;
He 'll keep his servants' souls entire;
And them from wicked hands redeem.

5 For seeds are sown of glorious light,
A future harvest for the just;
And gladness for the heart that 's right,
To recompense its pious trust.

6 Rejoice, ye righteous, in the LORD;
Memorials of his holiness
Deep in your faithful breasts record,
And with your thankful tongues confess.

PSALM 77. C. M.

From the xcviii. Psalm of David.

1 SING to the LORD a new-made song,
Who wondrous things has done;
With his right hand and holy arm,
The conquest he has won.

2 The LORD has through th' astonish'd world
Display'd his saving might,
And made his righteous acts appear
In all the Heathen's sight.

3 Of Israel's house his love and truth
Have ever mindful been;
Wide earth's remotest parts the power
Of Israel's GOD have seen.

4 Let therefore earth's inhabitants
Their cheerful voices raise,
And all with universal joy
Resound their Maker's praise.

5 With harp and hymn's soft melody,
Into the concert bring
The trumpet and shrill cornet's sound
Before th' Almighty King.

6 Let the loud ocean roar her joy,
With all that seas contain;
The earth and her inhabitants
Join concert with the main.

7 Let floods and torrents clap their hands,
With joy their homage pay;
Let echoing vales, from hill to hill,
Redoubled shouts convey:

8 To welcome down the world's great Judge,
Who does with justice come,
And with impartial equity,
Both to reward and doom.

PSALM 78. C. M.

From the xcix. Psalm of David.

1 JEHOVAH reigns; let therefore all
The guilty nations quake:
On cherubs' wings he sits enthroned,
Let earth's foundation shake.

2 On Sion's hill he keeps his court,
His palace makes her towers;
And thence his sovereignty extends
Supreme o'er earthly powers.

3 Let therefore all with praise address
His great and dreadful Name;
And, with his unresisted might,
His holiness proclaim.

4 For truth and justice, in his reign,
Of strength and power take place;
His judgments are with righteousness
Dispensed to Jacob's race.

5 Therefore exalt the LORD our GOD,
Before his footstool fall;
And, with his unresisted might,
His holiness extol.

6 With worship at his sacred courts
Exalt our GOD and LORD;
For he, who only holy is,
Alone should be adored.

PSALM 79. L. M.

From the c. Psalm of David.

1 WITH one consent let all the earth
To GOD their cheerful voices raise;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before him songs of praise:

2 Convinced that he is GOD alone,
From whom both we and all proceed;
We whom he chooses for his own,
The flock that he vouchsafes to feed.

3 O enter then his temple gate,
Thence to his courts devoutly press;
And still your grateful hymns repeat,
And still his Name with praises bless.

4 For he 's the LORD, supremely good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth, which always firmly stood,
To endless ages shall endure.

PSALM 80.

From the cii. Psalm of David.

PART I. C. M.

1 WHEN I pour out my soul in prayer,
Do thou, O LORD, attend;
To thy eternal throne of grace
Let my sad cry ascend.

2 O hide not thou thy glorious face
In times of deep distress;
Incline thine ear, and, when I call,
My sorrows soon redress.

3 My days, just hast'ning to their end,
Are like an evening shade;
My beauty does, like wither'd grass,
With waning lustre fade.

4 But thine eternal state, O LORD,
No length of time shall waste;
The mem'ry of thy wondrous works
From age to age shall last.

PART II. C. M.

1 GOD shall arise, and Sion view
With an unclouded face:
For now her time is come, his own
Appointed day of grace.

2 The name and glory of the LORD
All heathen kings shall fear,
When he shall Sion build again,
And in full state appear.

3 For GOD, from his abode on high,
His gracious beams display'd;
The LORD from heaven, his lofty throne,
Hath all the earth survey'd.

4 That they, in Sion, where he dwells,
Might celebrate his fame,
And through the holy city sing
Loud praises to his Name.

PART III. C. M.

1 The strong foundations of the earth
Of old by thee were laid;
Thy hands, O Lord, the arch of heaven
With wondrous skill have made.

2 Whilst thou for ever shalt endure,
They soon shall pass away;
And, like a garment often worn,
Shall tarnish and decay.

3 Like that, when thou ordain'st their change,
To thy command they bend;
But thou continu'st still the same,
Nor have thy years an end.

4 Thou to the children of thy saints
Shalt lasting quiet give;
Whose happy race, securely fix'd,
Shall in thy presence live.

PSALM 81. L. M.

From the ciii. Psalm of David.

1 MY soul, inspired with sacred love,
God's holy Name for ever bless;
Of all his favors mindful prove,
And still thy grateful thanks express.

2 'T is he that all thy sins forgives,
And after sickness make thee sound;
From danger he thy life retrieves,
By him with grace and mercy crown'd.

3 He with good things thy mouth supplies,
Thy vigor eagle-like restores;
He to the suff'rer promptly flies,
Who, wrong'd, his righteous help implores.

4 The Lord abounds with tender love,
And unexampled acts of grace;
His waken'd wrath doth slowly move,
His willing mercy flies apace.

5 God will not always harshly chide,
But with his anger quickly part;
And loves his punishments to guide
More by his love than our desert.

6 As high as heaven its arch extends
  Above this little spot of clay,
So much his boundless love transcends
  The small respects that we can pay.

7 As far as 't is from east to west,
  So far has he our sins removed;
Who, with a father's tender breast,
  Has such as fear him always loved.

8 For God, who all our frame surveys,
  Considers that we are but clay;
How fresh soe'er we seem, our days
  Like grass or flowers must fade away.

9 Whilst they are nipp'd with sudden blasts,
  Nor can we find their former place,
God's faithful mercy ever lasts
  To those that fear him, and their race.

10 This shall attend on such as still
  Proceed in his appointed way;
And who not only know his will,
  But to it just obedience pay.

11 The Lord, the universal King,
  In heaven has fix'd his lofty throne:
To him, ye angels, praises sing,
  In whose great strength his power is shown.

12 Ye that his just commands obey,
  And hear and do his sacred will,
Ye hosts of his, this tribute pay,
  Who still what he ordains fulfil.

13 Let every creature jointly bless
  The mighty Lord; and thou, my heart,
With grateful joy thy thanks express,
  And in this concert bear thy part.

PSALM 82. S. M.

From the ciii. Psalm of David.

1 O BLESS the Lord, my soul,
  His grace to thee proclaim;
And all that is within me, join
  To bless his holy Name.

2 O bless the LORD, my soul,
His mercies bear in mind;
Forget not all his benefits,
Who is to thee so kind.

3 He pardons all thy sins,
Prolongs thy feeble breath;
He healeth thine infirmities,
And ransoms thee from death.

4 He feeds thee with his love,
Upholds thee with his truth;
And, like the eagle's, he renews
The vigor of thy youth.

5 Then bless the LORD, my soul,
His grace, his love proclaim:
Let all that is within me, join
To bless his holy Name.

PSALM 83.

From the civ. Psalm of David.

PART I. L. M.

1 BLESS GOD, my soul; thou, LORD, alone
Possessest empire without bounds,
With honor thou art crown'd, thy throne
Eternal majesty surrounds.

2 With light thou dost thyself enrobe,
And glory for a garment take;
Heaven's curtains stretch beyond the globe,
Thy canopy of state to make.

3 GOD builds on liquid air, and forms
His palace chambers in the skies;
The clouds his chariots are, and storms
The swift-wing'd steeds with which he flies.

4 As bright as flame, as swift as wind,
His ministers heaven's palace fill;
They have their sundry tasks assign'd,
All prompt to do their sovereign's will.

5 In praising GOD while he prolongs
My breath, I will that breath employ;
And join devotion to my songs,
Sincere, as in him is my joy.

PART II. L. M.

1 How various, LORD, thy works are found,
For which thy wisdom we adore!
The earth is with thy treasure crown'd,
Till nature's hand can grasp no more.

2 All creatures, both of sea and land,
In sense of common want agree;
All wait on thy dispensing hand,
And have their daily alms from thee.

3 They gather what thy stores disperse,
Without their trouble to provide;
Thou op'st thy hand, the universe,
The craving world, is all supplied.

4 Thou for a moment hid'st thy face,
The num'rous ranks of creatures mourn;
Thou tak'st their breath, all nature's race
Decay, and to their dust return.

5 Again thou send'st thy spirit forth,
Inspiring vital energies;
Nature 's restored; replenish'd earth,
Joyous, her new creation sees.

6 Thus through successive ages stands
Firm fix'd thy providential care;
Pleased with the work of thine own hands
Thou dost the waste of time repair.

PSALM 84. H. 3.

From the civ. Psalm of David.

1 HOW manifold thy works, O LORD,
In wisdom, power, and goodness wrought!
The earth is with thy riches stored,
And ocean with thy wonders fraught:
Unfathom'd caves beneath the deeps
For thee their hidden treasures keep.

2 By thee alone the living live,
Hide but thy face, their comforts fly;
They gather what thy seasons give,
Take thou away their breath, they die
But send again thy spirit forth,
And life renews the gladden'd earth.

3 Joy in his works JEHOVAH takes,
Yet to destruction they return;
He looks upon the earth, it quakes,
Touches the mountains, and they burn:
But GOD for ever is the same;
Glory to his eternal Name!

PSALM 85. C. M.

From the cv. Psalm of David.

1 O RENDER thanks, and bless the LORD,
Invoke his sacred Name;
Acquaint the nations with his deeds,
His matchless deeds proclaim.

2 Sing to his praise in lofty hymns,
His wondrous works rehearse;
Make them the theme of your discourse,
And subject of your verse.

3 Rejoice in his almighty Name,
Alone to be adored;
And let their hearts o'erflow with joy
That humbly seek the LORD.

4 Seek ye the LORD, his saving strength
Devoutly still implore;
And, where he 's ever present, seek
His face for evermore.

5 The wonders that his hands have wrought
Keep thankfully in mind;
The righteous statutes of his mouth,
And laws to us assign'd.

PSALM 86. L. M.

From the cvi. Psalm of David.

1 O RENDER thanks to GOD above,
The fountain of eternal love;
Whose mercy firm through ages past
Has stood, and shall for ever last.

2 Who can his mighty deeds express,
Not only vast, but numberless?
What mortal eloquence can raise
His tribute of immortal praise?

3 Happy are they, and only they,
Who from thy judgments never stray;
Who know what 's right; nor only so,
But always practise what they know.

4 Extend to me that favor, LORD,
Thou to thy chosen dost afford;
When thou return'st to set them free,
Let thy salvation visit me.

5 O may I worthy prove to see
Thy saints in full prosperity;
That I the joyful choir may join,
And count thy people's triumph mine.

6 Let Israel's GOD be ever bless'd,
His Name eternally confess'd;
Let all his saints, with full accord,
Sing loud Amens—praise ye the LORD!

PSALM 87.

From the cvii. Psalm of David.

PART I. III. 1.

1 MAGNIFY JEHOVAH's Name;
For his mercies ever sure,
From eternity the same,
To eternity endure.

2 Let his ransom'd flock rejoice,
Gather'd out of every land,
As the people of his choice,
Pluck'd from the destroyer's hand.

3 In the wilderness astray,
In the lonely waste they roam,
Hungry, fainting by the way,
Far from refuge, shelter, home:—

4 To the LORD their GOD they cry;
He inclines a gracious ear,
Sends deliv'rance from on high,
Rescues them from all their fear:

5 Them to pleasant lands he brings,
Where the vine and olive grow;
Where, from verdant hills, the springs
Through luxuriant vallies flow.

6 O that men would praise the LORD,
For his goodness to their race;
For the wonders of his word,
And the riches of his grace!

PART II. C. M.

1 THY wondrous power, Almighty LORD,
That rules the boist'rous sea,
The bold adventurers record,
Who tempt that dang'rous way.

2 At thy command the winds arise,
And swell the tow'ring waves;
While they astonish'd mount the skies,
And sink in gaping graves.

3 Dismay'd they climb the wat'ry hills,
Dismay'd they plunge again;
Each like a tott'ring drunkard reels,
And finds his courage vain.

4 Then to the LORD they raise their cries,
He hears their loud request,
He calms the fierce tempestuous skies,
And lays the floods to rest.

5 Rejoicing, they forget their fears,
They see the storm allay'd:
The wish'd-for haven now appears;
There, let their vows be paid!

6 O that the sons of men would praise
The goodness of the LORD!
And those who see his wondrous ways,
His wondrous love record!

PSALM 88. C. M.

From the cviii. Psalm of David.

1 O GOD, my heart is fully bent
To magnify thy Name;
My tongue with cheerful songs of praise
Shall celebrate thy fame.

2 Awake, my lute; nor thou, my harp,
Thy warbling notes delay;
Whilst I with early hymns of joy
Prevent the dawning day.

3 To all the list'ning tribes, O LORD,
Thy wonders I will tell,
And to those nations sing thy praise
That round about us dwell;

4 Because thy mercy's boundless height
The highest heaven transcends,
And far beyond th' aspiring clouds
Thy faithful truth extends.

5 Be thou, O GOD, exalted high
Above the starry frame;
And let the world, with one consent,
Confess thy glorious Name.

PSALM 89. II. 2.

From the cx. Psalm of David.

1 THE LORD unto my LORD thus spake,
"'Till I thy foes thy footstool make,
Sit thou in state at my right hand:
Supreme in Sion thou shalt [illegible]
And all thy proud opposers see
Subjected to thy just command.

2 "Thee, in thy power's triumphant day,
The willing people shall obey;
And, when thy rising beams they view,
Shall all, (redeem'd from error's night,)
Appear more numerous and bright
Than crystal drops of morning dew."

3 The LORD hath sworn, nor sworn in vain,
That, like Melchisedec's, thy reign
And priesthood shall no period see:
Anointed Prince! thou, bending low,
Shalt drink where darkest torrents flow,
Then raise thy head in victory!

PSALM 90. L. M.

From the cxi. Psalm of David.

1 PRAISE ye the LORD! our GOD to praise
My soul her utmost power shall raise;
With private friends, and in the throng
Of saints, his praise shall be my song.

2 His works for greatness though renown'd,
His wondrous works with ease are found
By those who seek for them aright,
And in the pious search delight.

3 His works are all of matchless fame,
And universal glory claim;
His truth, confirm'd through ages past,
Shall to eternal ages last.

4 By precepts he hath us enjoin'd
To keep his wondrous works in mind;
And to posterity record
That good and gracious is our LORD.

5 His bounty, like a flowing tide,
Has all his servants' wants supplied;
And he will ever keep in mind
His cov'nant with our fathers sign'd.

6 Just are the dealings of his hands,
Immutable are his commands,
By truth and equity sustain'd,
And for eternal rules ordain'd.

7 He set his saints from bondage fre.
And then establish'd his decree,
For ever to remain the same:
Holy and rev'rend is his Name.

8 Who wisdom's sacred prize would win
Must with the fear of GOD begin:
Immortal praise and heavenly skill
Have they who know and do his will.

PSALM 91. L. M.

From the cxii. Psalm of David.

1 THAT man is bless'd who stands in awe
Of GOD, and loves his sacred law;
His seed on earth shall be renown'd,
And with successive honors crown'd.

2 The soul that 's fill'd with virtue's light
Shines brightest in affliction's night;
To pity the distress'd inclined,
As well as just to all mankind.

3 His lib'ral favors he extends,
To some he gives, to others lends;
Yet what his charity impairs,
He saves by prudence in affairs.

4 Beset with threat'ning dangers round,
Unmoved shall he maintain his ground;
The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust.

PSALM 92. II. 2.

From the cxiii. Psalm of David.

1 YE saints and servants of the LORD,
The triumphs of his Name record;
His sacred Name for ever bless:
Where'er the circling sun displays
His rising beams or setting rays,
Due praise to his great Name address.

2 GOD through the world extends his sway;
The regions of eternal day
But shadows of his glory are:
With him whose majesty excels,
Who made the heaven in which he dwells,
Let no created power compare.

3 Though 't is beneath his state to view
In highest heaven what angels do,
Yet he to earth vouchsafes his care;
He takes the needy from his cell,
Advancing him in courts to dwell,
Companion of the greatest there.

PSALM 93. C. M.

From the cxv. Psalm of David.

1 LORD, not to us, we claim no share,
But to thy sacred Name
Give glory, for thy mercy's sake,
And truth's eternal fame.

2 Why should the Heathen cry, "Where 's now
The GOD whom ye adore?"
Convince them that in heaven thou art,
And uncontroll'd thy power.

3 O Israel, make the LORD your trust,
Who is your help and shield;
Priests, Levites, trust in him alone,
Who only help can yield.

4 Let all who truly fear the LORD
On him they fear rely;
Who them in danger can defend,
And all their wants supply.

5 Of us he oft has mindful been,
And Israel's house will bless;
Priests, Levites, proselytes, e'en all
Who his great Name confess.

6 On you, and on your heirs, he will
Increase of blessings bring:
Thrice happy you, who favorites are
Of this almighty King

7 Heaven's highest orb of glory he
His empire's seat design'd;
And gave this lower globe of earth
A portion to mankind.

8 They who in death and silence sleep
To him no praise afford;
But we will bless for evermore
Our ever-living LORD.

PSALM 94. C. M.

From the cxvi. Psalm of David.

1 MY soul with grateful thoughts of love
Entirely is possess'd,
Because the LORD vouchsafed to hear
The voice of my request.

2 Since he has now his ear inclined,
I never will despair;
But still in all the straits of life
To him address my prayer.

3 With deadly sorrows compass'd round,
With pains of hell oppress'd,
When troubles seized my aching heart,
And anguish rack'd my breast,—

4 On God's almighty Name I call'd,
And thus to him I pray'd;
"Lord, I beseech thee save my soul,
With sorrows quite dismay'd."

5 How just and merciful is God,
How gracious is the Lord!
Who saves the harmless, and to me
Does timely help afford.

6 Then, free from pensive cares, my soul,
Resume thy wonted rest;
For God has wondrously to thee
His bounteous love express'd.

7 When death alarm'd me, he removed
My dangers and my fears;
My feet from falling he secured,
And dried my eyes from tears.

8 Therefore my life's remaining years,
Which God to me shall lend,
Will I, in praises to his Name,
And in his service, spend.

9 In God I trusted, and of him
Did boast in greatest fear;
Though in my trouble I exclaim'd,
All men are insincere.

10 O what return to God shall I
For all his goodness make?
I 'll praise his Name, and with glad zeal
The cup of blessing take.

11 I 'll pay my vows among his saints,
Whose blood (howe'er despised
By wicked men) in God's account
Is always highly prized.

12 To thee I 'll off'rings bring of praise;
And while I bless thy Name,
The just performance of my vows
To all thy saints proclaim.

13 They in Jerusalem shall meet,
And in the house shall join
To bless thy Name with one consent,
And mix their songs with mine.

PSALM 95. C. M.

From the cxvii. Psalm of David.

1 WITH cheerful notes let all the earth
To heaven their voices raise;
Let all inspired with godly mirth,
Sing solemn hymns of praise.

2 GOD's tender mercy knows no bound,
His truth shall ne'er decay;
Then let the willing nations round
Their grateful tribute pay.

PSALM 96. C. M.

From the cxviii. Psalm of David.

1 O PRAISE the LORD, for he is good,
His mercies ne'er decay;
That his kind favors ever last,
Let thankful Israel say.

2 Their sense of his eternal love
Let Aaron's house express;
And that it never fails, let all
That fear the LORD confess.

3 Far better 't is to trust in GOD,
And have the LORD our friend,
Than on the greatest human power
For safety to depend.

4 The LORD has been my help; the praise
To him alone belongs;
He is my Saviour and my strength,
He only claims my songs.

5 Joy fills the dwelling of the just,
Whom GOD has saved from harm;
For wondrous things are brought to pass
By his almighty arm.

6 He, by his own resistless power,
Has endless honor won;
The saving strength of his right hand
Amazing works has done.

7 GOD will not suffer me to fall,
But still prolongs my days;
That, by declaring all his works,
I may advance his praise.

8 When God had sorely me chastised,
'Till quite of hopes bereaved,
His mercy from the gates of death
My fainting life reprieved.

9 Then open wide the temple gates
To which the just repair,
That I may enter in, and praise
My great deliv'rer there.

10 Within those gates of God's abode
To which the righteous press,
Since thou hast heard, and set me safe,
Thy holy Name I 'll bless.

11 That which the builders once refused
Is now the corner-stone:
This is the wondrous work of God,
The work of God alone.

12 This day is God's; let all the land
Exalt their cheerful voice:
"Lord, we beseech thee, save us now
And make us still rejoice."

13 Him that approaches in God's name
Let all th' assembly bless;—
"We that belong to God's own house,
Have wish'd you good success."

14 God is the Lord, through whom we all
Both light and comfort find;
Fast to the altar's horns with cords
The chosen victim bind.

15 Thou art my Lord, O God, and still
I 'll praise thy holy Name;
Because thou only art my God,
I 'll celebrate thy fame.

16 O then with me give thanks to God,
Who still does gracious prove;
And let the tribute of our praise
Be endless as his love.

PSALM 97.

From the cxix. Psalm of David.

PART I. ALEPH. C. M.

1 HOW bless'd are they who always keep
The pure and perfect way;
Who never from the sacred paths
Of GOD's commandments stray!

2 How bless'd, who to his righteous laws
Have still obedient been;
And have with fervent humble zeal,
His favor sought to win!

3 Such men their utmost caution use
To shun each wicked deed;
But in the path which he directs
With constant care proceed.

4 Thou strictly hast enjoin'd us, LORD
To learn thy sacred will;
And all our diligence employ
Thy statutes to fulfil.

5 O then that thy most holy will
Might o'er my ways preside;
And I the course of all my life
By thy direction guide!

6 Then with assurance should I walk,
From all confusion free;
Convinced, with joy, that all my ways
With thy commands agree.

7 My upright heart shall my glad mouth
With cheerful praises fill,
When, by thy righteous judgments taught,
I shall have learn'd thy will.

8 So to thy sacred laws shall I
Entire observance pay:
O then forsake me not, my GOD,
Nor cast me quite away.

PART II. BETH. C. M.

1 How shall the young preserve their ways
From all pollution free?
By making still their course of life
With thy commands agree.

2 With hearty zeal for thee I seek,
To thee for succor pray;
O suffer not my careless steps
From thy right paths to stray.

3 Safe in my heart, and closely hid,
Thy word, my treasure, lies,
To succor me with timely aid
When sinful thoughts arise.

4 Secured by that, my grateful soul
Shall ever bless thy Name;
O teach me then by thy just laws
My future life to frame.

5 My lips, unlock'd by pious zeal,
To others have declared
How well the judgments of thy mouth
Deserve our best regard.

6 Whilst in the way of thy commands,
More solid joy I found,
Than had I been with vast increase
Of envied riches crown'd.

7 Therefore thy just and upright laws
Shall always fill my mind;
And those sound rules which thou prescrib'st
Entire respect shall find.

8 To keep thy statutes undefaced
Shall be my constant joy;
The strict remembrance of thy word
Shall all my thoughts employ.

PART III. GIMEL. C. M.

1 Be gracious to thy servant, Lord;
Do thou my life defend,
That I according to thy word
My time to come may spend.

2 Enlighten both my eyes and mind,
That so I may discern
The wondrous things which they behold,
Who thy just precepts learn.

3 My fainting soul is almost pined,
With earnest longing spent,
While always on the eager search
Of thy just will intent.

4 Thy sharp rebuke shall crush the proud,
Whom still thy curse pursues;
Since they to walk in thy right ways
Presumptuously refuse.

5 But far from me do thou, O LORD,
Contempt and shame remove;
For I thy sacred law affect
With undissembled love.

6 For thy commands have always been
My comfort and delight;
By them I learn with prudent care
To guide my steps aright.

PART IV. DALETH. C. M.

1 MY soul, oppress'd with deadly care,
Close to the dust doth cleave;
Revive me, LORD, and let me now
Thy promised aid receive.

2 To thee I still declared my ways,
And thou inclin'dst thine ear;
O teach me then my future life
By thy just laws to steer.

3 If thou wilt make me know thy laws,
And by their guidance walk,
The wondrous works which thou hast done
Shall be my constant talk.

4 But see, my soul within me sinks,
Press'd down with weighty care;
Do thou, according to thy word,
My wasted strength repair.

5 Far, far from me be all false ways
And lying arts removed;
But kindly grant I still may keep
The path by thee approved.

6 Thy faithful ways, thou GOD of truth,
My happy choice I 've made;
Thy judgments, as my rule of life,
Before me always laid.

7 My care has been to make my life
With thy commands agree;
O then preserve thy servant, LORD,
From shame and ruin free.

8 So in the way of thy commands
  Shall I with pleasure run;
And, with a heart enlarged with joy,
  Successfully go on.

PART V. HE. C. M.

1 INSTRUCT me in thy statutes, LORD,
  Thy righteous paths display;
And I from them, through all my life,
  Will never go astray.

2 If thou true wisdom from above
  Wilt graciously impart,
To keep thy perfect laws I will
  Devote my zealous heart.

3 Direct me in the sacred ways
  To which thy precepts lead;
Because my chief delight has been
  Thy righteous paths to tread.

4 Do thou to thy most just commands
  Incline my willing heart;
Let no desire of worldly wealth
  From thee my thoughts divert.

5 From those vain objects turn mine eyes,
  Which this false world displays;
But give me lively power and strength
  To keep thy righteous ways.

6 Confirm the promise of thy word,
  And give thy servant aid,
Who to trangress thy sacred laws
  Is awfully afraid.

7 The censure and reproach I fear
  In mercy, LORD, remove;
For all the judgments thou ordain'st
  Are full of grace and love.

8 Thou know'st how after thy commands
  My longing heart does pant;
O then make haste to raise me up,
  And promised succor grant.

PART VI. VAU. C. M.

1 THY constant blessing, LORD, bestow,
To cheer my drooping heart;
To me, according to thy word,
Thy saving health impart.

2 So shall I, whosoe'er upbraids,
This ready answer make;
"In GOD I trust, who never will
His faithful promise break."

3 Then let not quite the word of truth
Be from my mouth removed;
Since still my ground of steadfast hope,
Thy judgments, LORD, have proved.

4 So I to keep thy righteous laws
Will all my study bend;
And constantly my time to come
In their observance spend.

5 My soul shall gladly walk at large,
From all oppression free,
Since I resolve to make my life
With thy commands agree.

6 My longing heart and ravish'd soul
Shall both o'erflow with joy,
When in thy loved commandments I
My happy hours employ.

7 Then will I to thy holy laws
Lift up my willing hands;
My care and business then shall be
To study thy commands.

PART VII. ZAIN. C. M.

1 ACCORDING to thy promised grace,
Thy favor, LORD, extend;
Make good to me the word on which
Thy servant's hopes depend.

2 That only comfort in distress
Did all my griefs control;
Thy word, when troubles hemm'd me round,
Revived my fainting soul.

3 Thy judgments then of ancient date
I quickly call'd to mind,
Till, ravish'd with such thoughts, my soul
Did speedy comfort find.

4 Thy name, that cheer'd my heart by day,
Has fill'd my thoughts by night:
I then resolved by thy just laws
To guide my steps aright.

5 That peace of mind, which has my soul
In deep distress sustain'd,
By strict obedience to thy will
I happily obtain'd.

PART VIII. CHETH. C. M.

1 O LORD, my GOD, my portion thou,
And sure possession art;
Thy words I steadfastly resolve
To treasure in my heart.

2 With all the strength of warm desire
I did thy grace implore;—
Disclose, according to thy word,
Thy mercy's boundless store.

3 With deep reflection and strict care
On all my ways I thought;
And so, reclaim'd to thy just paths,
My wand'ring steps I brought.

4 Prolonging not the time, my soul
Resolved without delay
To watch, that I might never more
From thy commandments stray.

5 To such as fear thy holy Name,
Myself I closely join;
To all who their obedient wills
To thy commands resign.

6 O'er all the earth thy mercy, LORD,
Abundantly is shed;
O grant that I may truly learn
Thy sacred paths to tread.

PART IX. TETH. C. M.

1 WITH me, thy servant, thou hast dealt
Most graciously, O LORD;
Repeated benefits bestow'd,
According to thy word.

2 Teach me the sacred skill by which
Right judgment is attain'd,
Who in belief of thy commands
Have steadfastly remain'd.

3 Before affliction stopp'd my course,
My footsteps went astray;
But I have since been disciplined
Thy precepts to obey.

4 Thou art, O LORD, supremely good,
And all thou dost is so;
On me, thy statutes to discern,
Thy saving skill bestow.

5 'T is good for me that I have felt
Affliction's chast'ning rod,
That I may duly learn and keep
The statutes of my GOD.

6 The law that from thy mouth proceeds,
Of more esteem I hold
Than richest mines, than thousand mines
Of silver and of gold.

PART X. JOD. C. M.

1 To me, who am the workmanship
Of thy almighty hands,
The heavenly understanding give
To learn thy just commands.

2 My preservation to thy saints
Strong comfort will afford,
To see success attend my hopes,
Who trusted in thy word.

3 That right thy judgments are, I now
By sure experience see;
And that in faithfulness, O LORD,
Thou hast afflicted me.

4 O let thy tender mercy now
Afford me needful aid;
According to thy promise, LORD,
To me, thy servant, made.

5 To me thy saving grace restore,
That I again may live;
Whose soul can relish no delight
But what thy precepts give.

6 In thy blest statutes let my heart
Continue always sound;
That guilt and shame, the sinner's lot,
May never me confound.

PART XI. CAPH. C. M.

1 My soul with long expectance faints
To see thy saving grace;
Yet still on thy unerring word
My confidence I place.

2 My very eyes consume and fail
With waiting for thy word;
O when wilt thou thy kind relief
And promised aid afford?

3 Thy wonted kindness, Lord, restore,
My drooping heart to cheer;
That by thy righteous statutes I
My life's whole course may steer.

PART XII. LAMED. C. M.

1 For ever and for ever, Lord,
Unchanged thou dost remain;
Thy word, establish'd in the heav'ns,
Does all their orbs sustain.

2 Through circling ages, Lord, thy truth
Immoveable shall stand,
As doth the earth, which thou uphold'st
By thine almighty hand.

3 All things the course by thee ordain'd,
E'en to this day fulfil;
They are thy faithful subjects all,
And servants of thy will.

4 Unless thy sacred law had been
My comfort and delight,
I must have fainted and expired
In dark affliction's night.

5 Thy precepts therefore from my thoughts
Shall never, Lord, depart;
For thou by them hast to new life
Restored my dying heart.

6 I 've seen an end of what we call
Perfection here below;
But thy commandments, like thyself,
No change or period know.

PART XIII. MEM. C. M.

1 The love that to thy laws I bear
No language can display;
They with fresh wonders entertain
My raptured thoughts all day.

2 My feet with care I have refrain'd
From every sinful way,
That to thy sacred word I might
Entire obedience pay.

3 I have not from thy judgments stray'd
By vain desires misled;
For, Lord, thou hast instructed me
Thy righteous paths to tread.

4 How sweet are all thy words to me!
O what divine repast!
How much more grateful to my soul
Than honey to my taste!

5 Taught by thy sacred precepts, I
With heav'nly skill am blest;
Through which the treach'rous ways of sin
I utterly detest.

PART XIV. NUN. C. M.

1 Thy word is to my feet a lamp,
The way of truth to show:
A watch-light, to point out the path
In which I ought to go.

2 I 've vow'd, and from my cov'nant, Lord,
Will never start aside,
That in thy righteous judgments I
Will steadfastly abide.

3 Let still my sacrifice of praise
With thee acceptance find;
And in thy righteous judgments, Lord,
Instruct my willing mind.

4 Thy testimonies I have made
My heritage and choice;
For they, when other comforts fail,
My drooping heart rejoice.

5 My heart with early zeal began
Thy statutes to obey,
And, till my course of life is done,
Shall keep thine upright way.

PART XV. SAMECH. C. M.

1 DECEITFUL thoughts and practices
I utterly detest;
But to thy law affection bear
Too great to be express'd.

2 My hiding-place, my refuge-tower,
And shield art thou, O LORD;
I firmly anchor all my hopes
On thy unerring word.

3 Away from me, ye wicked men,
Approach not my abode;
For firmly I resolve to keep
The precepts of my GOD.

4 According to thy gracious word,
From danger set me free;
Nor make me of those hopes ashamed,
That I repose on thee.

PART XVI. AIN. C. M.

1 MINE eyes, alas! begin to fail,
In long expectance held;
Till thy salvation they behold
And righteous word fulfill'd.

2 To me, thy servant in distress,
Thy wonted grace display,
And discipline my willing heart
Thy statutes to obey.

3 On me, devoted to thy fear,
Thy sacred skill bestow,
That of thy testimonies I
The full extent may know.

4 Thy laws and precepts I account
In all respects divine;
They teach me to discern the right,
And all false ways decline.

PART XVII. PE. C. M.

1 The wonders which thy laws contain
No words can represent;
Therefore to learn and practise them
My zealous heart is bent.

2 The very entrance to thy word
Celestial light displays,
And knowledge of true happiness
To simplest minds conveys.

3 With eager hopes I waiting stood,
And fainting with desire,
That of thy wise commands I might
The sacred skill acquire.

4 With favor, Lord, look down on me,
Who thy relief implore;
As thou art wont to visit those
Who thy blest Name adore.

5 Directed by thy heavenly word
Let all thy footsteps be;
Nor wickedness of any kind
Dominion have o'er me.

6 On me, devoted to thy fear,
Lord, make thy face to shine:
Thy statutes both to know and keep
My heart with zeal incline.

PART XVIII. TSADDI. C. M.

1 Thou art the righteous Judge, in whom
Wrong'd innocence may trust;
And, like thyself, thy judgments, Lord,
In all respects are just.

2 Most just and true those statutes were
Which thou didst first decree;
And all with faithfulness perform'd
Succeeding times shall see.

3 LORD! each neglected word of thine,
Howe'er by men despised,
Is pure, and for eternal truth
By me, thy servant, prized.

4 Thy righteousness shall then endure
When time itself is past;
Thy law is truth itself, that truth
Which shall for ever last.

5 Though trouble, anguish, doubts and dread,
To compass me unite;
Beset with danger, still I make
Thy precepts my delight.

6 Eternal and unerring rules
Thy testimonies give:
Teach me the wisdom that will make
My soul for ever live.

PART XIX. KOPH. C. M.

1 WITH my whole heart to GOD I call'd—
LORD, hear my earnest cry;
And I thy statutes to perform
Will all my care apply.

2 Again more fervently I pray'd—
O save me, that I may
Thy testimonies fully know,
And steadfastly obey.

3 My earlier prayer the dawning day
Prevented, while I cried
To him upon whose faithful word
My hope alone relied.

4 LORD, hear my supplicating voice,
And wonted favor show;
O quicken me, and so approve
Thy judgments ever true.

5 Concerning thy divine commands
My soul has known, of old
That they were true, and shall their truth
To endless ages hold.

PART XX. RESCH. C. M.

1 CONSIDER my affliction, LORD,
And me from bondage draw;
Think on thy servant in distress,
Who ne'er forgets thy law.

2 Defend my cause, and me to save
Thy timely aid afford;
With beams of mercy quicken me,
According to thy word.

3 From harden'd sinners thou remov'st
Salvation far away;
'T is just thou should'st withdaw from them
Who from thy statutes stray.

4 Since great thy tender mercies are,
To all who thee adore;
According to thy judgments, LORD,
My fainting hopes restore.

5 Consider, O my gracious GOD,
How I thy precepts love;
O therefore quicken me with beams
Of mercy from above.

6 As from the birth of time thy truth
Has held through ages past,
So shall thy righteous judgments firm
To endless ages last.

PART XXI. SCHIN. C. M.

1 THY sacred word my joyful breast
With heav'nly rapture warms;
Nor conquest, nor the spoils of war,
Have such transporting charms.

2 Perfidious practices and lies
I utterly detest;
But to thy laws affection bear,
Too vast to be express'd.

3 Sev'n times a day, with grateful voice,
Thy praises I resound,
Because I find thy judgments all
With truth and justice crown'd.

4 Secure, substantial peace have they
  Who truly love thy law;
No smiling mischief them can tempt,
  Nor frowning danger awe.

5 For thy salvation I have hoped,
  And, though so long delay'd,
With cheerful zeal and anxious care
  All thy commands obey'd.

6 Thy testimonies I have kept,
  And constantly obey'd;
Because the love I bore to them
  Thy service easy made.

7 From strict observance of thy laws
  I never yet withdrew;
Convinced that my most secret ways
  Are open to thy view.

PART XXII. TAU. C. M.

1 To my request and earnest cry,
  Attend, O gracious LORD;
Inspire my heart with heav'nly skill,
  According to thy word.

2 Let my repeated prayer at last
  Before thy throne appear;
According to thy plighted word,
  For my relief draw near.

3 Then shall my grateful lips return
  The tribute of their praise,
When thou thy counsels hast reveal'd,
  And taught me thy just ways.

4 My tongue the praises of thy word
  Shall thankfully resound;
For thy commands are right, thy laws
  With truth and justice crown'd.

5 Let thy almighty arm appear,
  And bring me timely aid;
For I the laws thou hast ordain'd
  My heart's free choice have made.

6 My soul has waited long to see
  Thy saving grace restored;
Nor comfort knew, but what thy laws,
  Thy heavenly laws afford.

7 Prolong my life, that I may sing
  My great Restorer's praise;
Whose justice, from the depths of wo,
  My fainting soul shall raise.

8 Though like a sheep that 's lost I 've stray'd,
  And from thy ways declined,
Do thou, O LORD, thy servant seek,
  Who keeps thy laws in mind.

PSALM 98. C. M.

From the cxxi. Psalm of David.

1 TO Sion's hill I lift my eyes,
  From thence expecting aid;
From Sion's hill and Sion's GOD,
  Who heaven and earth has made.

2 He will not let thy foot be moved,
  Thy guardian will not sleep;
Behold, the GOD who slumbers not
  Will favor'd Israel keep.

3 Shelter'd beneath th' ALMIGHTY's wings,
  Thou shalt securely rest,
Where neither sun nor moon shall thee
  By day or night molest.

4 From common accidents of life
  The LORD shall guard thee still;
'T is even he that shall preserve
  Thy soul from every ill.

5 At home, abroad, in peace, in war,
  Thy GOD shall thee defend;
Conduct thee through life's pilgrimage,
  Safe to thy journey's end.

PSALM 99. C. M.

From the cxxii. Psalm of David.

1 O 'T WAS a joyful sound, to hear
  Our tribes devoutly say,
Up, Israel, to the temple haste,
  And keep your festal day!

2 At Salem's courts we must appear,
With our assembled powers,
In strong and beauteous order ranged,
Like her united towers.

3 'T is thither, by divine command,
The tribes of God repair,
Before his ark to celebrate
His Name with praise and prayer.

4 O, ever pray for Salem's peace;
For they shall prosp'rous be,
Thou holy city of our God,
Who bear true love to thee.

5 May peace within thy sacred walls
A constant guest be found;
With plenty and prosperity
Thy palaces be crown'd.

6 For my dear brethren's sake, and friends
No less than brethren dear,
I 'll pray—May peace in Salem's towers
A constant guest appear.

7 But most of all I 'll seek thy good,
And ever wish thee well,
For Sion and the temple's sake,
Where God vouchsafes to dwell.

PSALM 100. C. M.

From the cxxiv. Psalm of David.

1 HAD not the Lord, may Israel say,
On Israel's side engaged,
The foe had quickly swallow'd us,
So furiously he raged.

2 Had not the Lord himself vouchsafed
To check his fierce control,
The adversary's dreary flood
Had overwhelm'd our soul.

3 But praised be our eternal Lord,
Who left us not his prey;
The snare is broke, his rage disarm'd,
And we again are free.

4 Secure in God's almighty Name
  Our confidence remains;
The God who made both heaven and earth,
  Of both sole monarch reigns.

PSALM 101. C. M.

From the cxxv. Psalm of David.

1 WHO place on Sion's God their trust,
  Like Sion's rock shall stand;
Like her immoveably be fix'd
  By his almighty hand.

2 Look how the hills on every side,
  Jerusalem enclose;
So stands the Lord around his saints,
  To guard them from their foes.

3 Be good, O righteous God, to those
  Who righteous deeds affect;
The heart that innocence retains,
  Let innocence protect.

4 All those who walk in crooked paths,
  The Lord shall soon destroy;
Cut off th' unjust, but crown the saints
  With lasting peace and joy.

PSALM 102. C. M.

From the cxxvii. Psalm of David.

1 WE build with fruitless cost, unless
  The Lord the pile sustain;
Unless the Lord the city keep,
  The watchman wakes in vain.

2 In vain we rise before the day,
  And late to rest repair,
Allow no respite to our toil,
  And eat the bread of care.

3 Supplies of life, with ease to them,
  He on his saints bestows;
He crowns their labors with success,
  Their nights with safe repose.

PSALM 103. C. M.

From the cxxviii. Psalm of David.

1 THE man is bless'd that fears the LORD,
Nor only worship pays,
But keeps his steps confined with care
To his appointed ways.

2 He shall upon the sweet returns
Of his own labor feed;
Without dependence live, and see
His wishes all succeed.

3 Who fears the LORD shall prosper thus;
Him Sion's GOD shall bless,
And grant him all his days to see
Jerusalem's success.

PSALM 104. S. M.

From the cxxx. Psalm of David.

1 FROM lowest depths of wo
To GOD I sent my cry;
LORD, hear my supplicating voice,
And graciously reply.

2 Shouldst thou severely judge,
Who can the trial bear?
But thou forgiv'st, lest we despond
And quite renounce thy fear.

3 My soul with patience waits
For thee, the living LORD;
My hopes are on thy promise built,
Thy never-failing word.

4 My longing eyes look out
For thy enliv'ning ray,
More duly than the morning watch
To spy the dawning day.

5 Let Israel trust in GOD,
No bounds his mercy knows;
The plenteous source and spring from whence
Eternal succor flows:

6 Whose friendly streams to us
Supplies in want convey;
A healing spring, a spring to cleanse
And wash our guilt away.

PSALM 105. III. 1.

From the cxxxi. Psalm of David.

1 LORD, for ever at thy side
Let my place and portion be:
Strip me of the robe of pride,
Clothe me with humility.

2 Meekly may my soul receive
All thy Spirit hath reveal'd;
Thou hast spoken—I believe,
Though the oracle be seal'd.

3 Humble as a little child,
Weaned from the mother's breast,
By no subtleties beguiled,
On thy faithful word I rest.

4 Israel! now and evermore
In the LORD JEHOVAH trust;
Him, in all his ways, adore,
Wise, and wonderful, and just.

PSALM 106. C. M.

From the cxxxii. Psalm of David.

1 O, WITH due rev'rence, let us all
To GOD's abode repair;
And, prostrate at his footstool fall'n,
Pour out our humble prayer.

2 Arise, O LORD, and now possess
Thy constant place of rest;
Be that, not only with thy ark,
But with thy presence bless'd.

3 Clothe thou thy priests with righteousness,
Make thou thy saints rejoice;
And, for thy servant David's sake,
Hear thy anointed's voice.

4 Fair Sion does, in GOD's esteem,
All other seats excel;
His place of everlasting rest,
Where he desires to dwell.

5 Her store th' Almighty will increase,
Her poor with plenty bless;
Her saints shall shout for joy, her priests
His saving health confess.

PSALM 107. C. M.

From the cxxxiii. Psalm of David.

1 HOW vast must their advantage be,
How great their pleasure prove,
Who live like brethren, and consent
In offices of love!

2 True love is like the precious oil,
Which, pour'd on Aaron's head,
Ran down his beard, and o'er his robes
Its costly fragrance shed.

3 'T is like refreshing dew, which does
On Hermon's top distil;
Or like the early drops, that fall
On Sion's favor'd hill.

4 For Sion is the chosen seat
Where the Almighty King
The promised blessing has ordain'd,
And life's eternal spring.

PSALM 108. C. M.

From the cxxxiv. Psalm of David.

1 BLESS God, ye servants, that attend
Upon his solemn state,
That in his temple's hallow'd courts
With humble rev'rence wait.

2 Within his house lift up your hands
And bless his holy Name:
From Sion bless thy Israel, Lord,
Who earth and heaven did'st frame.

PSALM 109. C. M.

From the cxxxv. Psalm of David.

1 O PRAISE the Lord with one consent,
And magnify his Name;
Let all the servants of the Lord
His worthy praise proclaim.

2 Praise him all ye that in his house
Attend with constant care;
With those that to his outmost courts
With humble zeal repair.

3 For God his own peculiar choice
The sons of Jacob makes;
And Israel's offspring for his own
Most valued treasure takes.

4 That God is great, we often have
By glad experience found:
And seen how he, with wondrous power,
Above all gods is crown'd

5 For he, with unresisted strength,
Performs his sov'reign will,
In heaven and earth, and wat'ry stores
That earth's deep caverns fill.

Their just returns of thanks to God,
Let grateful Israel pay;
Nor let anointed Aaron's race
To bless the Lord delay.

7 Their sense of his unbounded love,
Let Levi's house express;
And let all those who fear the Lord,
His name for ever bless.

8 Let all with thanks his wondrous works
In Sion's courts proclaim;
Let them in Salem, where he dwells,
Exalt his holy Name.

PSALM 110. II. 4.

From the cxxxvi. Psalm of David.

1 TO God, the mighty Lord,
Your joyful thanks repeat;
To him due praise afford,
As good as he is great:
For God does prove
Our constant friend;
His boundless love
Shall never end.

2 To him, whose wondrous power
All other gods obey,
Whom earthly kings adore,
Your grateful homage pay:
For God &c.

3 By his almighty hand
Amazing works are wrought;
The heavens by his command
Were to perfection brought:
For God &c.

4 He spread the ocean round
About the spacious land;
And bade the rising ground
Above the waters stand:
For God &c.

5 By him the heavens display
Their num'rous hosts of light,
The sun to rule by day,
The moon and stars, by night:
For God &c.

6 He in our depth of woes,
On us with favor thought;
And from our cruel foes
In peace and safety brought:
For God &c.

7 He does the food supply
On which all creatures live:
To God, who reigns on high,
Eternal praises give:
For God will prove
Our constant friend;
His boundless love
Shall never end.

PSALM 111. L. M.

From the cxxxvii. Psalm of David.

1 WHEN we, our weary limbs to rest,
Sat down by proud Euphrates' stream,
We wept, with doleful thoughts oppress'd,
And Sion was our mournful theme.

2 Our harps, that, when with joy we sung,
Were wont their tuneful parts to bear,
With silent strings neglected hung
On willow trees that wither'd there.

3 O Salem, our once happy seat,
When I of thee forgetful prove,
Let then my trembling hand forget
The speaking strings with art to move!

4 If I to mention thee forbear,
  Perpetual silence be my doom;
Or if my chiefest joy compare
  With thee, Jerusalem, my home!

PSALM 112. C. M.

From the cxxxviii. Psalm of David.

1 WITH my whole heart, my God and King,
  Thy praise I will proclaim;
Before the mighty I will sing,
  And bless thy holy Name.

2 I 'll worship at thy sacred seat,
  And, with thy love inspired,
The praises of thy truth repeat,
  O'er all thy works admired.

3 Thou graciously inclin'dst thine ear,
  When I to thee did cry;
And, when my soul was press'd with fear,
  Didst inward strength supply.

4 For God, although enthroned on high,
  Does thence the poor respect;
The proud, far off, his scornful eye
  Beholds with just neglect.

5 Though I with troubles am oppress'd,
  He shall my foes disarm,
Relieve my soul when most distress'd,
  And keep me safe from harm.

6 The Lord, whose mercies ever last,
  Shall fix my happy state;
And, mindful of his favors past,
  Shall his own work complete.

PSALM 113. L. M.

From the cxxxix. Psalm of David.

1 THOU, Lord, by strictest search hast known
My rising up and lying down;
My secret thoughts are known to thee,
Known long before conceived by me.

2 Thine eye my bed and path surveys,
My public haunts and private ways:
Thou know'st what 't is my lips would vent,
My yet unutter'd words' intent.

3 Surrounded by thy power I stand,
On every side I find thy hand:
O skill for human reach too high!
Too dazzling bright for mortal eye!

4 From thy all-seeing Spirit, LORD,
What hiding-place does earth afford?
O where can I thy influence shun,
Or whither from thy presence run?

5 If up to heaven I take my flight,
'T is there thou dwell'st enthroned in light;
If to the world unseen, my GOD,
There also hast thou thine abode.

6 If I the morning's wings could gain,
And fly beyond the western main;
E'en there, in earth's remotest land,
I still should find thy guiding hand.

7 Or, should I try to shun thy sight,
Beneath the sable wings of night,
One glance from thee, one piercing ray,
Would kindle darkness into day.

8 The veil of night is no disguise,
No screen from thy all-searching eyes;
Through midnight shades thou find'st thy way,
As in the blazing noon of day.

9 Thou know'st the texture of my heart,
My reins and every vital part:
I 'll praise thee, from whose hands I came
A work of such a wondrous frame.

10 Let me acknowledge too, O GOD,
That since this maze of life I trod,
Thy thoughts of love to me surmount
The power of numbers to recount.

11 Far sooner could I reckon o'er
The sands upon the ocean's shore;
Each morn, revising what I 've done,
I find th' account but new begun.

12 Search, try, O GOD, my thoughts and heart,
If mischief lurk in any part;
Correct me where I go astray,
And guide me in thy perfect way.

PSALM 114. C. M.

From the cxli Psalm of David.

1 LORD, in thy sight, O let my prayer
Like morning incense rise;
My lifted hands accepted be
As ev'ning sacrifice.

2 From hasty language curb my tongue,
And let a constant guard
Still keep the portal of my lips
With wary silence barr'd.

3 From wicked men's designs and deeds,
My heart and hands restrain;
Nor let me share their evil works,
Or their unrighteous gain.

4 Let upright men reprove my faults,
And I shall think them kind;
Like healing oil upon my head,
I their reproof shall find.

PSALM 115. C. M.

From the cxliii. Psalm of David.

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and to my cry
Thy wonted audience lend;
In thy accustom'd faith and truth,
A gracious answer send.

2 Nor at thy strict tribunal bring
Thy servant to be tried;
For in thy sight no living man
Can e'er be justified.

3 To thee my hands in humble prayer
I fervently stretch out;
My soul for thy refreshment thirsts,
Like land oppress'd with drought.

4 Hear me with speed, my spirit fails,
Thy face no longer hide,
Lest I become forlorn, like them
That in the grave reside.

5 Thy kindness early let me hear,
Whose trust on thee depends;
Teach me the way where I should go,
My soul to thee ascends.

6 Do thou, O LORD, from all my foes,
Preserve and set me free;
A safe retreat, a hiding place,
My soul implores from thee.

7 Thou art my GOD, thy righteous will
Instruct me to obey;
Let thy good Spirit lead and keep
My soul in thy right way.

8 O, for the sake of thy great Name,
Revive my drooping heart;
For thy truth's sake, to me distress'd,
Thy saving health impart.

PSALM 116. L. M.

From the cxliv. Psalm of David.

1 LORD, what 's in man, that thou should'st love
Of him such tender care to take?
What in his offspring could thee move
Such great account of him to make?

2 The life of man does quickly fade,
His thoughts but empty are and vain,
His days are like a flying shade,
Of whose short stay no signs remain.

3 To thee, almighty King of kings,
In new-made hymns my voice I 'll raise;
And instruments of many strings
Shall help me to adore and praise.

PSALM 117.

From the cxlv. Psalm of David.

PART I. C. M.

1 THEE I will bless, my GOD and King,
Thy endless praise proclaim;
This tribute daily I will bring,
And ever bless thy Name.

2 Thou, LORD, beyond compare art great,
And highly to be praised;
Thy majesty, with boundless height,
Above our knowledge raised.

3 Renown'd for mighty acts, thy fame
To future time extends;
From age to age thy glorious Name
Successively descends.

4 Whilst I thy glory, and renown,
And wondrous works express,
The world with me thy might shall own,
And thy great power confess.

5 The praise that to thy love belongs,
They shall with joy proclaim;
Thy truth of all their grateful songs
Shall be the constant theme.

6 The Lord is good; fresh acts of grace
His pity still supplies;
His anger moves with slowest pace,
His willing mercy flies.

7 Thy love through earth extends its fame,
To all thy works express'd;
These show thy praise, whilst thy great Name
Is by thy servants bless'd.

8 They, with a glorious prospect fired,
Shall of thy kingdom speak;
And thy great power, by all admired,
Their lofty subject make.

9 God's mighty works of ancient date,
Shall thus to all be known;
And thus his kingdom's glorious state,
In all its splendor shown.

10 His steadfast throne, from changes free,
Shall stand for ever fast;
His boundless sway no end shall see,
But time itself outlast.

PART II. C. M.

1 The Lord does them support that fall,
And makes the prostrate rise;
For his kind aid all creatures call,
Who timely food supplies

2 Whate'er their various wants require
With open hand he gives;
And so fulfils the just desire
Of every thing that lives.

3 How holy is the LORD, how just,
  How righteous all his ways!
How nigh to him, who with firm trust,
  For his assistance prays!

4 He grants the full desires of those
  Who him with fear adore;
And will their troubles soon compose,
  When they his aid implore.

5 The LORD preserves all those with care
  Whom grateful love employs;
But sinners, who his vengeance dare,
  In justice he destroys.

6 My time to come, in praises spent,
  Shall still advance his fame;
And all mankind, with one consent,
  For ever bless his Name.

PSALM 118. III. 3.

From the cxlv. Psalm of David.

1 GOD, my King, thy might confessing,
  Ever will I bless thy Name;
Day by day thy throne addressing,
  Still will I thy praise proclaim.

2 Honor great our GOD befitteth;
  Who his majesty can reach?
Age to age his works transmitteth,
  Age to age his power shall teach.

3 They shall talk of all thy glory,
  On thy might and greatness dwell
Speak of thy dread acts the story,
  And thy deeds of wonder tell.

4 Nor shall fail from mem'ry's treasure
  Works by love and mercy wrought;
Works of love surpassing measure,
  Works of mercy passing thought.

5 Full of kindness and compassion,
  Slow to anger, vast in love,
GOD is good to all creation;
  All his works his goodness prove.

6 All thy works, O LORD, shall bless thee,
Thee shall all thy saints adore;
King supreme shall they confess thee,
And proclaim thy sov'reign power.

7 They thy might, all might excelling,
Shall to all mankind make known;
And the brightness of thy dwelling,
And the glories of thy throne.

8 Ever, GOD of endless praises,
Shall thy royal might remain;
Evermore thy brightness blazes,
Ever lasts thy righteous reign.

9 Them that fall the LORD protecteth,
He sustains the bow'd and bent;
Every eye from thee expecteth,
Fix'd on thee, its nourishment.

10 Thou to all, great GOD of nature,
Giv'st in season due their food;
Spread'st thy hand, and every creature
Satisfiest still with good.

11 GOD is just in all he doeth,
Kind is he in all his ways;
He his ready presence showeth,
When a faithful servant prays.

12 Who sincerely seek and fear him,
He to them their wish will give;
When they call, the LORD will hear them,
He will hear them, and relieve.

13 From JEHOVAH all who prize him
Shall his saving health enjoy;
All the wicked, who despise him,
He will in their sin destroy.

14 Still, JEHOVAH, thee confessing,
Shall my tongue thy praise proclaim;
And may all mankind with blessing
Ever hail thy holy Name.

PSALM 119. C. M.

From the cxlvi. Psalm of David.

1 O PRAISE the LORD, and thou, my soul,
For ever bless his Name:
His wondrous love, while life shall last,
My constant praise shall claim.

2 On princes, on the sons of men,
Let none for aid rely;
They cannot help, they turn to dust,
And all their counsels die.

3 Then happy he, who Jacob's GOD
For his protector takes;
Who still, with well-placed hope, the LORD
His constant refuge makes.

4 The LORD, who made both heaven and earth,
And all that they contain,
Will never quit his steadfast truth,
Nor make his promise vain.

5 The poor, oppress'd, from all their wrongs
Are eased by his decree;
He gives the hungry needful food,
And sets the prisoners free.

6 By him the blind receive their sight,
The weak and fall'n he rears;
With kind regard and tender love
He for the righteous cares.

7 The strangers he preserves from harm,
The orphan kindly treats;
Defends the widow, and the wiles
Of wicked men defeats.

8 The GOD that does in Sion dwell
Is our eternal King:
From age to age his reign endures;
Let all his praises sing.

PSALM 120. II. 2.

From the cxlvi. Psalm of David.

1 I'LL praise my Maker with my breath,
And, when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers;

My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
While life, and thought, and being last,
Or immortality endures.

2 Why should I place in man my trust?
Ev'n princes die and turn to dust,
Vain is the help of flesh and blood;
Their breath departs, their pomp, and power
And thoughts, all vanish in an hour,
Nor can they make their promise good.

3 Happy the man whose hopes rely
On Israel's God: he made the sky,
And earth, and seas, with all their train;
He saves th' oppress'd, he feeds the poor;
His truth for ever stands secure,
And none shall find his promise vain.

4 The Lord gives eye-sight to the blind,
The Lord supports the sinking mind,
He sends the righteous strength and peace,
He helps the stranger in distress,
The widow and the fatherless,
And to the prisoner grants release.

5 God shall the wicked overturn,
On them his wrath shall ever burn,
Sinners shall perish in their ways;
Sion! the God thy sons adore,
He, he is king for evermore;
The Lord thy God for ever praise.

PSALM 121.

From the cxlvii. Psalm of David.

PART I. C. M.

1 O PRAISE the Lord with hymns of joy,
And celebrate his fame;
For pleasant, good, and comely 't is
To praise his holy Name.

2 His holy city God will build,
Though levell'd with the ground;
Bring back his people, though dispersed
Through all the nations round.

3 He kindly heals the broken hearts,
And all their wounds does close;
He tells the number of the stars,
Their several names he knows.

4 Great is the LORD, and great his power,
His wisdom has no bound;
The meek he raises, and throws down
The wicked to the ground.

5 To GOD the LORD, a hymn of praise
With grateful voices sing;
To songs of triumph tune the harp,
And strike each warbling string.

6 He covers heaven with clouds, and thence
Refreshing rain bestows,
And on the mountains, through his care,
The grass in plenty grows.

7 His care the beasts that loosely range
With timely food supplies;
He feeds the ravens' tender brood,
And stops their hungry cries.

8 The LORD to him that fears his name
His tender love extends;
To him that on his boundless grace
With steadfast hope depends.

9 Let Sion and Jerusalem
To GOD their praise address;
Whose strength secures their lasting gates,
Who does their children bless.

PART II. L. M.

1 JEHOVAH speaks: swift from the skies
To earth the sov'reign mandate flies;
The elements confess their LORD,
With prompt obedience to his word:

2 The thick descending flakes of snow
O'er earth a fleecy mantle throw;
And glitt'ring frost o'er all the plains
Binds nature fast in icy chains.

3 He speaks: the ice and snow obey,
And nature's fetters melt away;
Softly the vernal breezes blow,
And murm'ring waters freely flow.

4 But nobler works his grace record:
To Israel he reveals his word;
To them, his chosen flock, alone,
He makes his sacred precepts known.

5 Such bliss no heathen nation shares,
His oracles are only theirs:
Let Israel then their voices raise,
And bless their God in songs of praise!

PSALM 122. II. 4.

From the cxlviii. Psalm of David.

1 YE boundless realms of joy,
Exalt your Maker's fame;
His praise your song employ
Above the starry frame:
Your voices raise,
Ye Cherubim
And Seraphim,
To sing his praise.

2 Thou moon, that rul'st the night,
And sun, that guid'st the day,
Ye glitt'ring stars of light,
To him your homage pay:
His praise declare,
Ye heavens above,
And clouds that move
In liquid air.

3 Let them adore the Lord,
And praise his holy Name,
By whose almighty word
They all from nothing came;
And all shall last,
From changes free;
His firm decree
Stands ever fast.

4 Let earth her tribute pay:
  Praise him ye dreadful whales,
And fish that through the sea
  Glide swift with glitt'ring scales;
    Fire, hail, and snow,
    And misty air,
    And winds that where
      He bids them blow.

5 By hills and mountains, all,
  In grateful concert join'd;
By cedars stately tall,
  And trees for fruit design'd;
    By every beast,
    And creeping thing,
    And fowl of wing,
      His name be blest,

6 Let all of highest birth,
  With those of humbler name,
And judges of the earth,
  His matchless praise proclaim:
    In this design,
    Let youths with maids,
    And hoary heads
      With children, join.

7 United zeal be shown
  His wondrous fame to raise,
Whose glorious Name alone
  Deserves our endless praise:
    Earth's utmost ends
    His power obey;
    His glorious sway
      The sky transcends.

8 His chosen saints to grace,
  He sets them up on high;
And favors Israel's race,
  Who still to him are nigh:
    O therefore raise
    Your grateful voice,
    And still rejoice
      The Lord to praise!

PSALM 123. IV. 1.

From the cxlix. Psalm of David.

1 O PRAISE ye the LORD,
Prepare your glad voice
His praise in the great
Assembly to sing:
In their great Creator
Let Israel rejoice;
And children of Sion
Be glad in their King.

2 Let them his great Name
Extol in their songs,
With hearts well attuned
His praises express;
Who always takes pleasure
To hear their glad tongues,
And waits with salvation
The humble to bless.

3 With glory adorn'd,
His people shall sing
To GOD, who their heads
With safety doth shield;
Such honor and triumph
His favor shall bring:
O therefore, for ever
All praise to him yield!

PSALM 124. L. M.

From the cl. Psalm of David.

1 O PRAISE the LORD in that blest place
From whence his goodness largely flows;
Praise him in heaven, where he his face,
Unveil'd, in perfect glory shows.

2 Praise him for all the mighty acts
Which he in our behalf has done;
His kindness this return exacts,
With which our praise should equal run.

3 Let the shrill trumpet's warlike voice,
Make rocks and hills his praise rebound:
Praise him with harp's melodious noise,
And gentle psalt'ry's silver sound.

4 Let them who joyful hymns compose,
  To cymbals set their songs of praise;
To well-tuned cymbals, and to those
  That loudly sound on solemn days.

5 Let all, that vital breath enjoy,
  The breath he does to them afford,
In just returns of praise employ:
  Let every creature praise the LORD.

THE END.

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N. B. The metre marks affixed to the preceding psalms and hymns, have reference to a division of the metres, founded on the nature of the verse, into four classes, marked—I. II. III. IV.

Class I. includes common, long, and short metres, marked—C. M., L. M., S. M.

Class II. includes the other Iambic metres, eight in number, marked—II. 1, II. 2, II. 3, II. 4, &c., which may be named; *Two, one; Two, two; Two, three, &c.*

Class III. includes the Trochaic metres, being five in number, marked—III. 1. III. 2, III. 3, &c., which may be named; *Three, one; Three, two, &c.*

Class IV. includes the metres consisting chiefly of triplets, being five in number, marked—IV. 1, IV. 2, IV. 3, &c., and may be named; *Four, one; Four, two, &c.*

CLASS I.

C. M.

TO FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST,
  The GOD whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
  And shall be evermore.

L. M.

To FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST,
  The GOD whom earth and heaven adore,
Be glory, as it was of old,
  Is now, and shall be evermore.

S. M.

TO GOD the FATHER, SON,
  And SPIRIT, glory be,
As 't was, and is, and shall be so
  To all eternity.

CLASS II.

II. 1.

TO FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST,
The GOD whom heaven's triumphant host
  And saints on earth adore;
Be glory, as in ages past,
As now it is, and so shall last
  When time shall be no more.

II 2.

TO FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST,
The GOD whom heaven's triumphant host
  And suff'ring saints on earth adore;
Be glory, as in ages past,
As now it is, and so shall last
  When time itself shall be no more.

II. 3.

TO GOD the FATHER, GOD the SON,
And GOD the SPIRIT, Three in One,
Be glory in the highest given,
By all on earth, and all in heaven;
As was through ages heretofore,
Is now, and shall be evermore.

II. 4.

TO GOD the FATHER, SON,
  And SPIRIT, ever bless'd,
Eternal Three in One,
  All worship be address'd;
  As heretofore
    It was, is now,
    And shall be so
  For evermore.

II. 5.

TO GOD the FATHER, and to GOD the SON,
To GOD the HOLY SPIRIT, Three in One,
Be praise from all on earth and all in heaven,
As was, and is, and ever shall be given.

II. 6.

ETERNAL praise be given,
  And songs of highest worth,
By all the hosts of heaven,
  And all the saints on earth,
To GOD, supreme confessed,
  To CHRIST, his only SON,
And to the SPIRIT blessed,
  Eternal Three in One.

II. 7.

TO FATHER, SON, and SPIRIT bless'd,
Supreme o'er earth and heaven,
Eternal Three in One confess'd,
Be highest glory given,
As was through ages heretofore,
Is now, and shall be evermore,
By all in earth and heaven.

II. 8.

BY all on earth and all in heaven,
Be everlasting glory given
To GOD the FATHER, GOD the SON
And GOD the SPIRIT; equal Three
In undivided Unity,
Ere time had yet its course begun:
As was, and is, be highest praise,
As still shall be through endless days.

CLASS III.

III. 1.

HOLY FATHER, HOLY SON,
HOLY SPIRIT, Three in One!
Glory, as of old, to thee,
Now, and evermore shall be!

III. 2.

PRAISE the name of GOD most high,
Praise him all below the sky,
Praise him all ye heavenly host,
FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST;
As through countless ages past,
Evermore his praise shall last.

III. 3.

PRAISE the FATHER, earth and heaven,
Praise the SON, the SPIRIT praise,
As it was, and is, be given
Glory through eternal days

III. 4.

TO the FATHER, throned in heaven,
  To the SAVIOUR, CHRIST, his SON,
To the SPIRIT, praise be given,
  Everlasting Three in One:
As of old, the Trinity
Still is worshipp'd, still shall be.

III. 5.

GREAT JEHOVAH! we adore thee,
  GOD the FATHER, GOD the SON
GOD the SPIRIT, join'd in glory
  On the same eternal throne:
Endless praises
  To JEHOVAH, Three in One.

CLASS IV.

IV. 1.

BY angels in heaven
  Of every degree,
And saints upon earth,
  All praise be address'd
To GOD in three persons,
  One GOD ever bless'd;
As it has been, now is,
  And ever shall be.

IV. 2.

ALL praise to the FATHER, the SON,
  And SPIRIT, thrice holy and bless'd,
Th' eternal, supreme Three in One,
  Was, is, and shall still be address'd.

IV. 3.

ALL praise to the FATHER, all praise to the SON,
  All praise to the SPIRIT, thrice bless'd,
The holy, eternal, supreme Three in One,
  Was, is, and shall still be address'd.

IV. 4.

O FATHER Almighty, to thee be address'd,
With CHRIST and the SPIRIT, one GOD ever bless'd,
All glory and worship from earth and from heaven,
As was, and is now, and shall ever be given.

IV. 5.

ALL glory and praise to the FATHER be given,
The SON, and the SPIRIT, from earth and from heaven;
As was, and is now, be supreme adoration,
As ever shall be, to the GOD of salvation.

For hymns 145 and 185.

TO the FATHER, to the SON,
And SPIRIT ever bless'd,
Everlasting Three in One,
All worship be address'd:
Praise from all above, below,
As throughout the ages past,
Now is given, and shall be so
While endless ages last.

When used to Hymn 185, in line 6, read,

As was throughout the ages past.

COME, let us adore him; come, bow at his feet;
O give him the glory, the praise that is meet;
Let joyful hosannas unceasing arise,
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